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Photography and the new censorship

By Suzanne Moore

The photographer Robert Mappiethorpe set out to shock But little could be have known though that a photograph taken twenty years ago of a three year old girl would, in today's climate, be seen as more controversial than explicit photographs of sado- masochistic

The picture, cotitled Rosie, is of a little girl wearing a dress but no underwear sitting on a pew. The decision of the Hayward Gallery not to show it was taken after advice from the police who explained that the climate surrounding images of children's has changed since

The forthcoming exhibition

Does it mean that none of us can see an **Image** because a tiny minority may find it arousing?

has already toured places as diverse as Israel and New Zealand, so we might ask if this anxiety is peculiarly British. Predictably, the photograph has already been condemned as "utterly horrific" and as "child pornography" by Esther Rantzen, though wheo exactly Ms. Raotzen saw this particular image is difficult to ascertain. One can't help woodering if this photo had been taken by anyone other than Mapplethorpe whether it would have been withdrawn. Uousually for a Mappiethorpe work the obscenity here is largely in the eye of the beholder.

While much of Mappletborpe's ocuvre is notorious for the debates it has fuelled about artistic freedom and censorship. charges of obscenity have tended to focus on more obviously disturbing works such as those of a mutilated male genitalia. Indeed the Hayward will exhibit many of "the X port folio" sex photographs which prompted Senator Jesse Helm's wife to exclaim "Lord have mercy Jesse. I'm not believing this..." as



Body of work: An example of the pieces that the controversial photographer, Robert Mapplethorpe, will be exhibiting at the Hayward Gallery in London from next Thursday

well as a full-scale obscenity tri- a huge gulf between the lanal. The trial resulted in understandable paranoia in every American museum and funding body. Are we becoming similarly paranoid? Would the police have been invited to view this exhibition if it were being staged at a privately owned gallery like Saatchi's? While there is undoubtedly

guage of art criticism and common-sense notions of decency, the current sensitivity about images of children produces the bizarre situation in which there is no such thing as an innocent image of a child, where a graphic portrayal of "fisting" is seen as less problematic.

We may be more aware of

paedophilia than we were in 1976. But does that mean that none of us can see an image because a tiny minority may find it arousing? Such a fundamentalist argument would eventually eliminate the human body and its dangerous desires from art altogether, something that Mapplethorpe fought

Copyright: The Estate of Robert Mapplethorpe Is scouring images of three year olds for evidence of sexuality, theirs or ours, a good way to maintain public innoceoce? doubt it somehow but then Mapplethorpe's friends al-ways did describe him as "a fall-

eo angel Mapplethorpe" is at the Hayward Gallery in London from 19 September until 17 November

EU orders: Don't work long hours

EXCLUSIVE

SARAH HELM

New European rules which would force the Government to accept a maximum 48-hour week for workers who traditionally work longer hours are contained in politically explosive proposals prepared by the European Commissioo.

The rules, which extend an existing European directive, would cause widespread upheaval in the National Health Service, provoking a revolution in the training of doctors. They would also have far-reaching repercussions for the transport and fishing industries.

The Commission plans, con-tained in a confidential White Paper, could be tabled as early as next month, causing new ferment in the Tory party. The proposals are likely to force John Major into further headon clashes with his European partners, at a special European miui-summit to be held in October, ahead of the Conser-

vative Party conference. Britain has already launched a legal challenge to the European Union's existing 48 hour working week directive, arguing the rules breach the spirit of Britain's social chapter optout. The judges are expected to

rule on the case next month. When the original directive was drawn up a oumber of politically sensitive workers were exempted from the first tranche of the legislation. If, as widely expected, the Luxembourg court rejects Britain's attempt to quash the first directive, the

Commission intends to table its

new White Paper extending the 48 hour maximum week to the exempted workers. "You could say we will be going for a double-whammy," said one Commission official yesterday.

Senior Government officials say there is acute nervousness about the pending European Court judgment. The original working hours directive, agreed in 1993, set out rules to ensure the health and safety of workers including a maximum 48

hours a week, minimum rest periods and a four week mini-

mum annual paid holiday. During the negotiations, Britain and some other member states secured exemptions for workers in air, rail, road and sea transport. Fishermen, and those engaged in other work at sea were also exempted, as

were "doctors in training" However, the Commission al-ways pledged it would extend the rules to the exempted areas. It argues that it has a duty to propose legisladon oo working hours under Article 118a of the Treaty of Rome, which requires that member states observe basic health and safety standards, and make improvements "in the working environment". Article 118a was incorporated into the Treaty as part of the Single European Act of 1986, which was strongly supported by the British Government. For John Major, however, the

EU's proposals on working hours have always been deemed a hindrance to competitive working practises. The Gov-ernment abstained in 1993 when the first rules were passed, pledging a court battle. Before the European judges the Gov-ernment has argued that working hours are not a matter of health and safety, and accused the Commission of wrongly applying Article 118a, However. even senior Government officials recognise the European Court is likely to find that the number of hours spent at work is a health and safety issue.

Britain has also argued that the working hours rules breached the spirit of the social chapter opt-out, which Britain the working hours directive is not a part of the social chapter.

Should the court reject Britain's claim, Mr Major has pledged a major battle to rewrite Article 118a in the current inter-governmental conference oo EU reform.

In the meantime, however, the government faces severe embarrassment. If the court backs the Commission, the first directive would have to be implemented by 23 November, After that date, workers in Britain could sue the Government if it fails to comply.

QUICKLY

Ecstasy v Prozac

There is "no logical reason" why the anti-depressant Prozac is legal yet the rave drug ecstasy is illegal, said Steven Rose, one of Britain's most eminent brain scientists, yesterday.

Beef battle failure The Government's campaign to block European Union business in order to lift the ban oo

British beef exports was a failure, the Prime Minister has effectively admitted. Sir knows best

Heads know best and governors should overturn their decisions over exclusions only in excep-tional circumstances, headteachers' leaders said. Page 2

Rosy future The Prime Minister, John Major, has privately told party workers that the prize awaiting the winner of the next general election will be the best economic prospects since the First

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GRADUATE PLUS 20

Padania: new European country, or just an excuse for a party?

By Andrew Gumbel

You are all invited to join in three days of fun and celebration this weekend. The northern third of Italy - or rather, the Republic of Padania - is about to

declare its independence. There will be speeches and political rallies featuring the separatists' very own Boy Scouts in their green shirts, not to mention a solemn "baptism" in which a sacred phial will be filled with river water and carried to Padania's selfproclaimed capital, Venice.

You can obtain a Padanian identity card or some "Bank of the North" bank -notes. There will even be a ritual burning of Italian television licences.

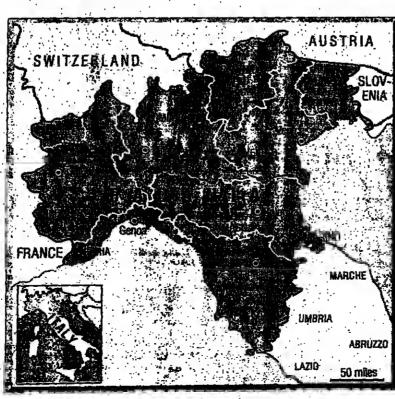
But above all there will be music and dancing, and, to cap it all, a giant beach party in Chioggia with lashings of etti alle vongole.

It will be a strange hirth of a nation. For a start, Padania is not a nation at all. It does not even have borders, let alone a separate political structure. The Padanians are not an ethnic group, and there is certainly no groundswell among the northern Italians in favour of The whole issue has been invented

and inflated by the most relentlessly conconformist of Italy's political parties, the Northern League, and scorned by pretty much everyone else. What is going on? Is this an independence movement, or have the Marx Brothers come to town?

The truth is, two distinct Padanias are being born this weekend. The first is pure folklore, a fictional creation that owes more to Mr Bossi's outlandish sense of humour than to political

This is the Padania whose main exports are suits of medieval chainmail, souvenir cigarette butts discarded by the gravel-throated party leader himself, cheap jokes at the expense of southerners, and all those bogus banknotes. destabilising and irresponsible, but



To northerners living in some fog-shrouded industrial suburb in the Po of tedious, if affluent, provincialism. To southerners and the high authorities of state in Rome, this Padania may seem

Two Padanias are being born - the first is pure folklore, the second is the Italy that works and makes money

Nobody is ever going to vote for this Padania, but the point is that it provokes It is a media smash-hit.

The second Padania is far more serious, and the one that could have an effect on all our lives. It is the Italy that valley, it restores a sense of fun to a life works, that makes money, that commands international respect, the Italy that is fed up to the back teeth with the inefficiencies of a central government that demands ever higher taxes while

Padania acts European, feels European, and doesn't see why it shouldn't be part of Maastricht and the single currency

from the word go. In a Europe of regions rather than nations, this Padania would be right up there at the top of the pile. If the single European currency is a success, it would be sorely tempted to introduce it even if the rest of Italy has to soldier oo with the lira.

Such scotimeots sound like treason to the rest of the country. Italy's postwar order was founded oo principles of unity and pluralism, principles that, in the late-1940s, banished the twio spectres of Fascism and civil war and are generally considered the cornerstooe of the country's democratic

The uncomfortable truth for Italy is that the new Europe will force a rethink of such received ideas sooner or later. If northern businesses and banks are happy to work with the Euro as a parallel currency, how is the government going to stop them?

Obviously, it makes oo sense for Padania to break away if the rest of Italy goes down the plughole, and the latent anti-southern hostility in the League's rhetoric oeeds to be watched.

But Mr Bossi's message - while it is not always palatable - cannot be ig-As an appeal for greater regionalism, it applies to Catalonia and Scotland just as much as it does to northern Italy.

This weekend's jamboree on the Po is

just the beginning. Leader, page 15



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Beef war a fiasco, PM admits

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

The Government's campaign this summer to block European Union husiness in order to lift the ban on British beef exports was a failure, the Prime Minister admitted yesterday, by coo-firming that the BSE cull of

cattle was being reviewed.

The cull was the basis of the deal struck at the Florence summit in June. In that deal, other EU countries agreed to a stage-by-stage lifting of the ban, and John Major agreed to eod his policy of con-cooperation made it clear they would not authorise the extra cull of 125,000 younger cattle.

a figleaf for his retreat by an Oxford University study published last month. This suggested that many more BSE-infected cows had

been sold for food than previously estimated. But it also predicted that BSE, or "mad-cow disease", would dwindle almost to extinction by 2001. Mr Major also cited new ev-

idence that BSE could be passed from mother to calf as with EU institutions. But over the summer, Conservative MPs a reason for re-examining the cull - although previously An-

Commons vote next month to that this might mean that more consumer better protection." cows, rather than fewer, would have to be slaughtered.

Mr Major was provided with "So those are two new material facts," said Mr Major, on tour in the West Country. "We have to consider them. There is no pre-ordained outcome. What we are doing is considering it and we will no doubt wish to consult with the Luropean Union and then we will make a final decision."

But a European Commission spokesman said yesterday. "We always knew that BSE was going to disappear in five or six years. The reasoning behind a selective slaughter plan is to regela Browning, the junior agriduce the incidence of the dis-

support the Government in the culture minister, had implied ease and therefore give the

A spokesman for Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner, warned Britain to honour its commitment to the selective slaughter of high-risk cattle. "The selective-slaughter plan was an integral part of the Florence agreement.

"The step-by-step approach to the lifting of the ban was dependent on the selective-slaughter plan," he said.

The main opposition parties quickly seized oo the Prime Minister's emharrassment. Gavin Strang, Labour's agriculture spokesman, described the Florence deal as "lousy". He said: "The Government had

did not even bring back a timetable for the lifting of the beef-export ban, and nor did they bring our farmers any guarantees that any future agreement would be reached on any of the steps towards the lift-

ing of the ban." Paul Tyler, for the Liberal De-mocrats, welcomed moves to re-duce the cull: Ministers are realising that there is oo point in a mass-slaughter scheme if it oeither speeds up the eradication of BSE, nor opens the ex-

port doors again." And Mr Major also came mder fire from the internal opposition Redwood Party. John

pledged the slaughter of around Redwood, the former Tory lead-120,000 cattle. In return, they ership challenger, said he hoped the Government would be able to negotiate a better deal killing fewer cows, while lifting the emont ban.

There is no point in killing cows that we think should not be killed unless that action gets the beef ban lifted," he said on BBC Radio 4's World at One programme. "If there is no prospect of the ban being lift. ed, the best we can do is to look after our own farmers and domestic market and there is every reason for oot killing all these cows unnecessarily. should kill that number which our own scientific advice and judgment says is correct."

The political damage inflicted on the Tory party by its reluctance to ban hand guns was highlighted yesterday by the resignation of Tory MP Sebastian Coe from a gun group

accused of smearing a father who lost a child in the Duriblane school massacre. A newsletter published by the National Pistol Association made a series of accusations against John Crozier, whose daughter, Emma, five, was among 16 children and one teacher murdered in the attack last March.

Mr Coe's resignation as NPA honorary president follows the decision earlier this summer by the six fory members of the Home Affairs select committee to oppose a ban on hand guas being kept at home. The former Olympic champion who is now MP for Falmouth and Camborne and a junior government whip, said in a statement that the NPA had expressed views about the Dunblane tragedy which have caused much anger and upset. I have now studied these comments and the sentiments expressed, with which I disagree". John Rentoul

A £120,000 shidy to see how hard consultant, surg work has been commissioned by the Department of Health after evidence that some operate only once or twice a week for the National Health Service, while spending three or four

half-days weekly in the private sector.

The project, which will be in two NHS regions and will also look at physicians' workloads, will be undertaken by John Yates, of the Health Services Management Centre at Birmingham University, who has produced specialist studies on doctors' work practices and waiting lists. Mr Yates's research shows 10-fold variations in how many NHS operations surgeons carry, he told the NHS Trust Federation conference in Birmingham yesterday. Nicholas Timmins

Doth the Tory and Labour parties will break up after the oext election, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, predicts in an interview published tomorrow. Forecasting a "realignment" of British politics despite an outright majority for Tony Blair, Mr Ashdown sees his party as poised to benefit.

Both main parties contain "people who are diametrically opposed to each other and I see the next election as the point at which there is a real opportunity for new

point at which there is a real opportunity for new formations in politics," Mr Ashdown tells the New Statesman magazine, suggesting that Europe could be the trigger issue. Speaking before his party's conference in Brighton in 10 days' time, he says: "If we can articulate clearly enough what we stand for, if we have courage, the party has a good chance of making real progress, of being the catalyst that brings about realignment." John Rentoul

Cases of multi-drug resistant TB (MDR TB) could rise dramatically in the developed world because of poor treatment of the disease in the Third World, an expert warned yesterday. Professor Sir John Crofton, a consultant to the World Health Organisation, warned that many Indian doctors were failing to prescribe tuberculosis drugs correctly, increasing the chances of drug resistance. With travel to and from the sub-continent growing, more people would be exposed to MDR TB, he told the British Pharmacentical Conference in Glasgow. About one-third of the world's population is infected with TB, and deaths from the disease reached record heights in 1995. Liz Hunt

eventeen rebel councillors were expelled from the Seventeen rener councillors were expensed from the Labour Party in the politically troubled borough of Hackney, east London, last night. The expulsions, believed to have been sanctioned by the party leadership, came hours before the rebels forced a vote on an alleged cover-up of child before the rebess forced a vote on an alleged cover-up of child sex abuse in the borough. The rebels, who had resigned from Hackney's official Labour group and formed Hackney New Labour Group, have already forged political links with Liberal Democrat and They councillors. They said abuse claims involving a care worker who died last year of an Aids-related illness were "the straw which broke the camel's back".

Britain's powers to block television pomography received from the Continent are not affected by a ruling from the European Court of Justice, government officials emphasised yesterday. They said fears that Tuesday's judgment would open the flood-gates to X-rated satellite pornography channels were unfounded. A Department of National Heritage spokesman said: "This has no bearing on our existing powers. It does not affect our ability to use the powers that we already bave to prevent people receiving these channels." The judgment, he added, was a technical one and would have no practical effect on the way Britain handled the issue. Marianne Macdonald

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Aseaside resort is to colour code its beach so that lost children and their parents can be reunited more quickly. Children will be issued with coloured bracelets to match the zone where their parents are sitting on the beach at Bournemouth, Dorset, which has a six-mile promenade. On ooe summer day this year, inspectors dealt with 50 lost children. David Jones, general manager of Bournemouth sea front, said yesterday that children paddling up and down could sometimes lose their bearings, but would be able to home in oo the coloured signs.

British Gas, facing record numbers of complaints from customers, yesterday ventured into financial services, another industry plagued with a poor public image, with the launch of a new credit card. The Goldfish card, jointly launched with American-owned HFC Bank, gives a £1 discount on gas bills for every £100 spent with the card, up to £75. But the card's launch was condemned by Robin simpson, acting director at the National Consumer Council: "It looks like a gimmick to help British Gas hang on to its wealthier customers as the industry becomes more competitive," he said. Nic Cicutti

Spectacular coastal sand dunes in north Devon were yesterday de-listed as a National Nature Reserve by English Nature because of a disagreement with the owners. English Nature said cattle grazing was the most effective way of managing the 1,200 acres of Brauntoo Burrows, oo way of managing the 1,200 acres of Brauntoo Burrows, on the Taw-Torridge estuary in north Devon. But the Christie estate, which has managed the area for hundreds of years, maintained that the introduction of cattle grazing could be "potentially devastating". The de-listing of the Burrows—with dunes up to 30m high, 400 flowering plant species and 50,000 visitors a year—was an unusual step, English Nature admitted. It remains a site of special scientific interest.

Rock star David Bowie released his latest single exclusively on the Internet yesterday. "Telling Lies" will not be sold in shops or heard on the radio, so fans will have to download for three versions of the song in compact-disc quality from his official Internet site. This is believed to be the first time a major artist has released a full song on the worldwide computer network.

Girl may have waved to killer

Nine-year-old Josephine Rus-sell, who survived a hammer attack which left her mother and sister dead, may have waved to their killer minutes before he launched his frenzied assault, detectives say.

Police interviewing the girl about the murders in Chillenden, Kent, yesterday said she saw the man attack her mother, Lin, after he confronted them on a footpath. She has told police that a computerised image of a man seen near the scene looks "very similar" to the man who attacked her. A police spokesmao said had a very strong reaction to the picture, and was obviously frighteoed. Josephine, her mother and

her six-year-old sister Megan were bludgeoned as they walked from Goodnestone school to their home in Chillenden on 9 July. Police are hoping that in interviews today sbe will be able to tell them when her sister and the family pet dog were also attacked.

Police bave maintained a 24hour guard on the Russell home since Josephine came out of hospital last month.



Rare breeds: A Staffordshire ram takes to the streets in Mayfair, central London, to promote the publication of British Farm Animal Portraiture, a new book by Elspeth Moncrieff, and an accompanying exhibition at the O'Shea Gallery

Headteachers tell school governors: We know best

Education Editor

Heads know best and governors should overturn their decisions over exclusions only in exceptional circumstances, bead

teachers' leaders said yesterday. Governors reacted angrily to the heads' announcement made in response to a dispute at Manton Junior School in Nottinghamshire where governors have twice overturned the head's decision to exclude 10year-old Matthew Wilson for allegedly disruptive behaviour.

Yesterday parents who had withdrawn their children from the school agreed to send them back as "a goodwill gesture" to persuade Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Educa-tion, to talk to them. They have been protesting at the one-toone tuition provided for Matthew at a cost of £14,000 after teachers threatened to strike

if they had to teach him. Leaders of the National As-sociation of Head Teachers said nors' role in exclusions were

the Government should tighten the rules on exclusions to stop governors overruling heads unless they have failed to follow the correct procedures. They should not think their judgement was better than the heads'.

David Hart, the association's general secretary, warned gov-ernors not to become emotional about cases. He said: This is a ludicrous situation in which the governing body has managed to act in such a way that it has turned not only the teachers but the majority of the

parents against it. "Anyone looking at the situation could have seen as plain as a pikestaff that spending £14,000 from the school budget would oot be acceptable to parents because it is going to mean the loss of books and equipment or even of a teacher's job."

Walter Ulrich of the National Association of Governors and Managers said that the

"not what the law says and of schools for those whose chil-plainly not sensible. It is entirely dren have been excluded from the responsibility of the bead to decide whether children should be permanently excluded. There then has to be a proper review by someone who is not as close to the affair."

Heads also want appeal panels to be scrapped unless governors and the local authority disagree about an exclusion. In two recent decisions in

Nottinghamshire and Hebburn. south Tyneside, independent appeal panels overruled governors' decisions to expel pupils.

Heads want a package of measures included in the Gov-

ernment's bill oo discipline which will be introduced into the Commons this autumn Power to detain pupils after Teachers, whose members inschool whether their parents clude Mantoo Juoior's head. agree or out.

Changes to allow pupils to be excluded for a longer period.

Legislation to allow schools to make home-school contracts a condition of entry.

Removal of parental choice of all children, not just one. Lottery tickets | Power customers

MICHAEL HARRISON and

Britain's biggest regional electricity company is asking its cus-

Eastern Electricity, which has 3 million customers, is sending out letters to householders living next to customers who have moved away, asking for help "in providing any infor-

The letter asks whether they

mittee, which covers an area from the Suffolk coast to north London, said: "I can't think of another organisation that would indulge in this sort of behaviour. It is appalling."
The Office of the Data Pro-

dren have been excluded from

Mr Hart said: "The pendu-

him has swung too far in the di-rection of individual parental

and pupil rights. It is time that

the interests of the law-abiding

majority of parents, pupils and

their teachers were given equal

tinghamshire case, Mrs Shep-hard told BBC Radio 4's World

At One that she had the power

to intervene over an exclusion

only if the governors had be-haved unlawfully "which they haven't in this instance." Re-

sponsibility rested with the lo-

cal authority. But the National Union of

asked her to re-examine her

powers. The Department for

Education said no final decision

had been taken on the legisla-

tion but it could require appeals

panels to consider the interests

Commenting on the Not-

two or more schools.

recognition."

tection Registrar said that Eastem may have breached the 1989 Electricity Act which prohibits electricity suppliers from disclosing customer information without customers' consent, except in some restricted cases.

An Eastern spokesman de-nied that it was in breach of any laws and said that its methods of tracing customers were in accordance with codes of practice laid down by three credit ageocies. Eastern had done it for decades, he said, and sent out several thousand such letters a year. "We regard it as being in the interests of all our customers

that debts are paid." British Gas, British Telecom and Mercury all said they would not approach neighbours in order to pursue customer

Andie MacDowell talks exclusively to Radio Times about her modelling years. How it got her into Hollywood and nearly got her laughed out. And how models aren't what they used to be.

Radiofimes IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

give game away asked to tell tales

Crime does not pay, especially if villains have their alibis ruined by keeping their lottery tickets in their trousers. In one of the lesser known

spio-offs of Britain's lottery mania, the coded information a lottery ticket holds can help police pinpoint where and when the ticket was bought. The information, where it contradicts claimed alibi, has been used in criminal courts and successful convictions have followed.

Although the lottery is now an accepted British institution with 30 million computer terminal, as opposed to instant, tickets, sold every week, it would appear Britain's criminal fraternity have been slow to see they could be carrying around instant whistleblowers. Mike Portinger of the lottery's operators. Camelot. said that his investigators helped police with information from tickets found on suspects.

Mr Pottinger described the

assistance given to police fol-

lowing a burglary. "Two suspects were found to have lottery tick-ets on them. From the tickets we knew when and where they were purchased. The police asked the owners of the house if they had bought tickets re-cently, and when and where. The police also asked the suspects, who claimed the tickets were theirs. The suspects were 100 miles out in where the tickets the bought. It helped secure their conviction."

Even Camelot's "Instants" game has built-in information that has assisted police in in-vestigations. When a seller stants cards, they have to be "activated". Mr Pottinger said that inactivated cards had been stolen, and that when the thieves tried to eash in the winners, terminals were able to trace where they being processed. We found a pattern being made by the thieves, predicted their next stop, and wailcd. When they arrived the

ADRIAN HOLLIDAY

tomers to give information on neighbours who have not paid their hills.

mation you may have as to their current whereabouts".

know their former neighbour's takes delivery of a pack of In- new address, telephone number and name of their employer. It also asks for details of the landlord who owns the property or the estate agent who sold it.

Eastern's tactics have provoked anger among consumer groups and raised questions over whether the company is in breach of data protection legislation. Malcolm Roberts, chairman of the Eastern Region Electricity Consumers Com-

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Out with the old: An example of the maestro's more outre output; an offering from signed.

the spring-summer 1995 ready-to-wear collection Photograph: Chris Moore In 1994, Givenchy was John Galliano

The Dior glory is Galliano's

Plumber's son set to take prestigious job, reports Tamsin Blanchard

Joho Galliano, the 35-year-old worth 400m francs, pin money com-Streatham plumber's son, looks set to pared with Dior. What is significant take over at one of the most historic, prestigious and wealthy coulure houses in Paris, Christian Dior.

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Fashioo industry insiders believe that Galliano, who spent much of the decade after leaving St Martin's in 1983 on the brink of financial disaster before being appointed to Givenchy, has been working an apprenticeship for the real task ahead as the designer at Dior. An announcement is due between now and October's ready-to-wear shows

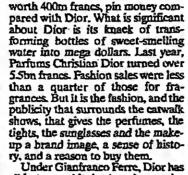
Both companies are owned by the Freoch luxury goods conglomerate LVMH (Louis Vuittoo Moet Hennessy), headed by the former prop-erty developer, Bernard Arnault. Last year LVMH turned over

29.8bn francs (£3.8bn), putting it in France's top three companies, Arnault's collection of de luxe names also includes Christian Lacroix, Guerlain, Kenzo, Moet et Chandon, Veuve Cliquot and Mercier champagne, Louis Vuitton and Loewe leather goods, as well as Hennessy cognac and Fred jewellery.

It is barely a year since Galliano joined Givenchy, where he has transformed the label from a supplier of prim, proper clothes to one that makes the sexiest. Under his own ready-to-wear label, Galliano dresses actresses Elizabeth Hurley, Sharon Stone and Nicole Kidman.

Since the announcement last July that Italian designer Gianfranco Ferre's contract with Dior was not to be renewed, fashion's rumour mills tory. At Dior, he would make use of

have been working overtime. It seems that every designer under the sun has been approached by LVMHL But now Paris has reopened after the August holidays and Galliano's name is on the lips of every fashion insider, although contracts are yet to be



all but turned its back oo its own invaluable archives. The combination of the House of Dior and the mad genius of John Galliano, is a potent one. In appointing Galliano, Arnault, a canny businessman, will have in mind the transformation at Chanel since Karl Lagerfeld took over in 1983. There is no doubt he has been planning as much since buying Christian Dior, his first fashion company, in 1984.

When Lagerfeld took over Chanel, the name and the archives of Coco Chanel were there, ready to be revitalised and brought into the Eighties. Lagerfeld has put the Chanel stamp on everything, from wellington boots to hair slides, selling at £99 each, And the company's latest perfume, Allure, looks set to be on many Christmas lists. According to a 1996 Mintel report, Chanel's share in the female fragrance market for1995 was worth £35m. Dior's share was not far behind at £26m.

Galliano is no stranger to designer archives. He is an expert in fashion his-

one of the most famous names in the world, with its princess line, the cardigan jacket, the black, navy blue and white colour palette, the ropes of pearls and of course, the grand ball

As for Givenchy, the house will suffer as yet



Photograph: Sheridan Morley autumn 1996/97 collection

Claws bared in war over saving the Indian tiger

STEPHEN GOODWIN

Civil war broke out io the conservation camp yesterday when the world's largest environmental charity, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), was slated over its efforts to protect

the tiger.

"WWF are fiddling while
Rome burns," said Michael
Day, founder and chairman of the Tiger Trust. Arraigning the Indian government along with WWF. Mr Day told a press conference in London that unless immediate action was taken to stop poaching, the Indian tiger would be wiped out in five

WWF, whose international president is the Duke of Edinburgh, was even accused of not wanting to save the tiger because a healthy population of the big cats would make it harder to alarm people into

making donations.
Guy Marriott, a former fundraiser for WWF who is now a Tiger Trust employee, said sav-ing the tiger would be "a mar-keting disaster" for the fund.

WWF reacted swiftly to defend its record, repudiating Mr Marriott's allegation and pointing ont that Mr Day had a book to promote - his Fight the Tiger



At bay: The Indian tiger is under threat Photograph: Ardea

came ont in paperback six servation of Nature (IUCN), the weeks ago.

"This is not a responsible course of action for a commit-ted conservationist to take, a WWF spokeswoman said. "The tiger remains in imminent dan- . perts believe that the true figger of extinction because of poaching but this kind of thing can only damage the conserva-

The latest estimate by the In-ternational Union for the Con-

Tiger Trust in 1992, said tagging tigers electronically and supplying more armed rangers would do more to stop the trade than trying to improve life for villagers so they would not be tempted to make money out of tigers. The Suffolk-based trust has an annual income of some £230,000, nearly all from donations. In each of the past two years it has put more than £40,000 into financing antiposching personnel to protect the Siberian tiger. Repudiating Mr Day's accu-

sations, set out in a report entitled The Big Cat Cover Up, WWF said it was spending £2.2m oo tiger-related conservatioo projects this year, in-cluding £241,000 in India. world conservation body, put In-dia's tiger population at be-tween 2,500 and 3,750. Last year "There are no easy ways of

being done to physically protect the tigers from the peachers."

executive who founded the

Mr Day, a former advertising

solving the current poaching problems, just as there are no quick-fix solutions to stopping the illegal trade in arms and nar-cotics," it said. The fund has put particular effort into reducing demand for tiger products and is talking with Chinese pharmacists over alternatives to year by the WWF exploiting the medicines whose ingred include tiger-body parts. medicines whose ingredients

This train inquiry is delayed

because there are the wrong sort of people on the telephone line

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The telephooe inquiry system for rail passengers is in such a number is being introduced and is due to go fully into operation on 19 October. The number, 0345 484950, has already "gone live" in many parts mand from passengers; thou-

callers there were using the ser-vice daily and the number had to be withdrawn for London, with an answering message advising callers to contact one of four other existing lines. The Independent has re-

called several numbers without getting a reply. Other com-plainants were given wrong information, as operators no of Britain but is already unable longer have any local knowlto cope with increasing de- edge. This is because when people dial the new national sands of callers are cut off after number and their local bureau nothing on for several numbers.

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73 tigers were known to have

been killed by poachers but ex-

ure could be five times as many. Mr Day claimed 500 tigers were slaughtered last year. In spite of the vast amounts raised each

dated computer system.

There are 45 bureaux, nine for rail passengers is m such a four other existing lines.

The Independent has received a oumber of complaints reorganisation of the system and reorganisation of the rail netthe privatisation of the rail netthe privatisation of the rail netther privatisation of the rail netther into account of the new partial introduction of the new partial introd the 25 train operators will have to agree to invest significant sums to improve the system. According to Jim Collins, manag-ing director of RailDirect, "the train operators are too poor at the moment to pay for the new software and hardware that is

The national train-inquity system, which deals with 40 million successful callers per year and an estimated 20 milhon who do not get through, has been deteriorating for a long time as investment failed to match growing demand. The CRUCC, the rail watchdog, said complaints about the traininquiry bureaux doubled over the past two years. As well as problems caused by reorganisation and the historic lack of capacity in the system, the rail regulator has added to the problem by requiring train operators to provide "impartial inCAR INSURANCE

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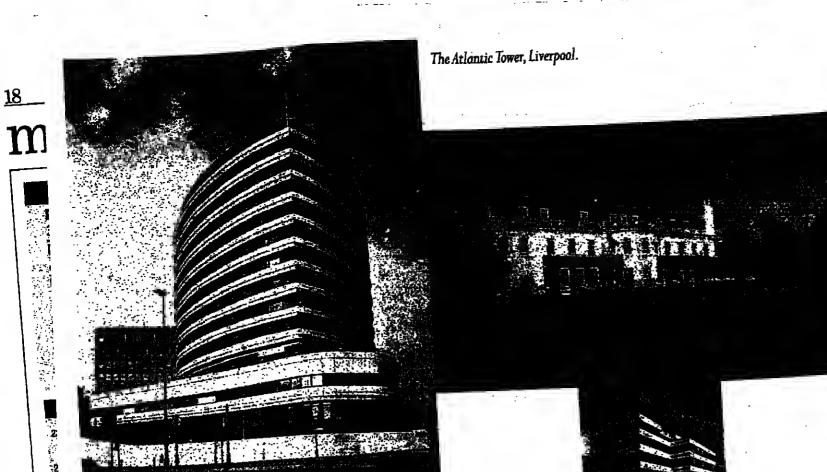
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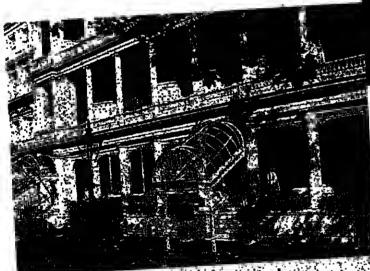
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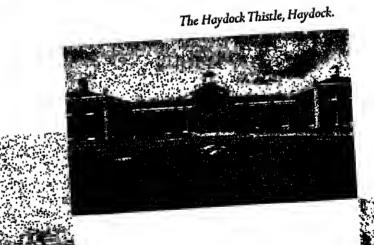
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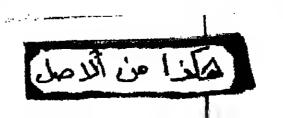
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Professor Steven Rose

warned the conference in Birm-

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maceutical drugs able to have

We need to look more close-

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ly at the border between legal

and illegal drugs," he said. "The borderline is not absolute - it

depends on society," said Pro-

fessor Rose, a neuroscientist

who is head of biology at the

Particularly worrying was the

widespread use in the United

States of ritalin, an ampheta-

mine-like drug which is now

prescribed to roughly 10 per

cent of male American childreo

who are diagnosed as having

"attentioo deficit syndrome"

That troubles me, yet it is ac-

ceptable," said Professor Rose.

in the 19th century, and Coca-

Cola used to contaio cocaine.

Susan Greenfield, of the Uni-

versity of Oxford, who is also a

specialist in braio function,

said: "There is a perception that

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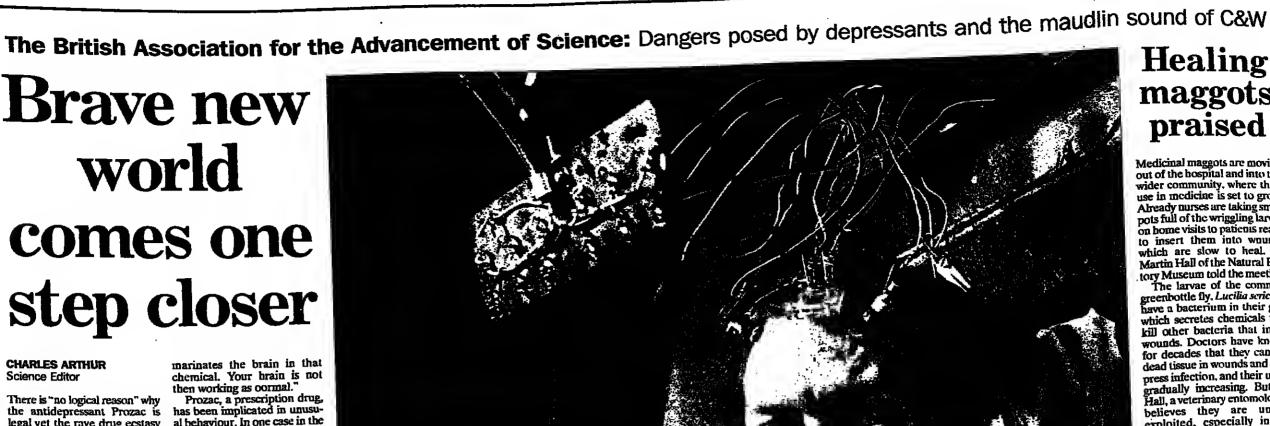
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Healing maggots praised Medicinal maggots are moving out of the hospital and into the wider community, where their

Already nurses are taking small pots full of the wriggling larvae on home visits to patients ready to insert them into wounds which are slow to heal. Dr Martin Hall of the Natural History Museum told the meeting. The larvae of the common greenbottle fly, Lucilia scricata, have a bacterium in their guts which secretes chemicals that kill other bacteria that infect wounds. Doctors have known for decades that they can eat

press infection, and their use is gradually increasing. But Dr Hall, a veterinary entomologist, believes they are under-exploited, especially in the Third World where they could help to make up for the lack of



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Prozac, a prescription drug, has been implicated in unusual behaviour. In one case in the United States, a depressive who had been taking Prozac ran amok with a gun and killed a number of his colleagues. The effects that eestasy has on the hrain and body are poorly understood, partly because it is not

possible to carry out controlled

marinates the brain in that

chemical. Your brain is not then working as oormal."

trials because it is illegal. At the start of a three-day session on brains, minds and coosciousness, Professor Rose argued that "we are at a point in history where, probably for the first time, neuroscience is confronting public policy. But where do we look for the explanations to behaviour?"

A growing number of scientists suggest that genes determine brain function - leading to what Professor Rose calls "neurogenetics". He says this idea is misleading and leads people to believe that such disorders as violence, alcoholism, compulsive shopping and homelessness cannot be cured socially. Instead, they seek to develop drugs as therapy, meaning that "we are moving towards the world envisaged by Aldous But recreational drugs cause Huxley in Brave New World". In that everyone takes the drug Yet, he said, heroin was legal

soma to find tranquility. Instead, he said the science oceds theories to connect molecular biology - which can now picture and analyse brain activity at the level of oerve cells - with psychology, which analyses social interactions. "We have the technological tool box, but we lack overarching theoneural network in the brain. But ries of the brain to put the lot when you take a drug - whether ries of the prescription or otherwise - it together,

Brain drain: Scientists are concerned that the increasing prescription of powerful drugs will produce long-term problems They escaped from war, ethnic cleansing and torture and came to us seeking a safe haven. We turned them out to beg on the streets.

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The situatiee is dire. There is literelly on accommodation in the United Kingdom evallable to these asylum seekers who have been barred from claiming benefits, and have no money to pay rent. Yet many of these people urgently need help.

Only last week, at our Dey Ceutre, we had a young man who had been tortured in Iran and suffers from severe spinal injuries. Another came te us in despair. His kidney had been damaged by seldiers

Those vulnerable people have cowhere to go and ne-one to turn to. They need our protection and the Refugee Council is doing all it can to help.

At our Night Shelter, asylum seekers cae find shelter and food. It will cost as £20 per person per night to run. Our Day Centre provides asylum seekers with e hot meal, washing facilities and the chance to find friends. Through Joly and August we have been feeding fifty people a day, including children. Money is so short that there have been times whee the feed has simply run out and we heve had to turn hungry people ewoy.

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Bluebells hold hope for HIV remedy

Binebells and daffodils contain proteins which could form the basis of new drugs for combating HIV, the virus which can cause Aids, researchers announced at the British Association, writes Nicholas Schoon.

The hope is that these proteins, known as lectins, can be developed into compounds which block a crucial phase in the lifecycle of the virus - the point when it recognises and attaches itself to human immune cells. This attachment is the preinde to the attack which eventually wipes out the immune system and causes fullblown Aids, leaving victims prey to infection.

A team from Liverpool John Moores University and the nearby Daresbury Laboratory in Cheshire has been using X-ray beams to discover the structure of various lectins, in the hope that they can learn how they block the HIV virus and



Flower power: Blocks virus

why some lectins are more effective than others.

The results so far are a breakthrough but we still have a lot of work to do," said Pierre Rizkallah of the Daresbury Laboratory, owned and run by research councils. He estimated it would take at least another five years before the scientists would know whether a lectinbased drug was a possibility.

Suicide link to D-I-V-O-R-C-E

CHARLES ARTHUR

Listening to country music can give you the hlues so bad, you may even take your own life. At least so say studies in the United States, which have discovered that when more country is played on the radio, the suicide rate among white males goes up - and the effect is independent of variations in gun ownership, poverty and divorce rate. Instead, it seems to be the "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" rate which determines that final decision.

Though scientists are not yet able to explain the phenomenon, they have discovered other areas in which music affects our behaviour. For instance, fast music in a store makes you shop faster, but in a wine cellar, classical music rather than Top 40 music induces you to huy more expensive bottles of wine.

At the conference yesterday, David Hargreaves and Adrian North of the University of Leicester revealed that the lyrics of pop songs can have more meaning than parents think. "The degree of pessimistic content in the lyrics of songs in the US pop charts was

able to predict economic re-cession, said Dr Hargreaves. "Gloomy lyrics predicted a downturn in consumer optimism, which in turn predicted

the state of the economy." The lyrics of country songs, Dr Hargreaves noted, "often dwell on several themes - heavy alcohol consumption, loss of a loved one - which are predictive of suicide." But this could mean that potential suicides seek out stations playing country - a genre which offers such uplifting, feelgood titles as "I've Got Tears In My Ears From Lying In Bed Crying Over You" - rather than that the songs discount of the control of the co rectly induce the act. This is what the scientists call the "listening situation", and Dr Har-greaves noted that "any attempt to explain people's responses

must take account of this." However, science is as yet unable to predict what might happen if country music were played in a restaurant - though as Dr Hargreaves observed: "No music would be better than the 'wrong' music." Anyone sick of hearing Tammy Wynette would

would probably agree. Leading article, page 15



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Unions v the Labour Party: Frontbencher dismisses resolution at Blackpool as Blair's call for ballot in post dispute is spurned

TUC wants a minimum of £4.26 per hour People on low pay: Who gets what

JOJO MOYES and BARRIE CLEMENT

In defiance of the Labour Party and warnings from the Tories of a million job losses, the TUC yesterday carried a motion backing a minimum wage of £4.26 an hour.

Better news for Labour however came from the CBI, which although arguing that the TUC figure would cause 100,000 redundancies, agreed to serve on the Low Pay Commission envisaged by Tony Blair, which would take evidence and advise the government on a minimum.

The resolution passed by the TUC at its annual congress in Blackpool yesterday was dismissed as "predictable" hy employment Labour's spokesman, Ian McCartney.

In order to lessen the embarrassment to Mr Blair, the TUC also passed a resolution in support of a minimum rate of £4 as "reasonable". A third decision means no figure would be recommended by the TUC until after the election.

There were appeals for unity and calm during a heated debate as unions expressed their support for the two figures.

John Edmonds, of the GMB, which supported the £4 figure, said that despite unprecedented support among voters and businesses for a minimum wage, the unions were embarking on

They are nervous people,



money: A security officer at the M11 extension in east London. He gets £3.30 an hour, working a 72-hour week Photograph: Brian Harris

these politicians on the eve of an election. If we over-reach ourselves we know what will happen," Mr Edmonds said. "The party leadership will ruhbish our figure, some of the Labour

movement will cry betrayal and not only will we damage our chances of getting a decent minwe might even imum wage, we might even damage the Labour Party's chances in the next election.

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the "fudge factory". "I'm fed up to the back teeth with people telling us not to rock the hoat before a general election ... let's exert our independence and

fire brigades union and the National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers. Gwen Macleod, a machinist for Pretty Polly paid hetween

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£4.20 and £4.30 an hour, accused union leaders of "testing

their virility" Before both motions were overwhelmingly carried, John Monks, TUC general secre-

tary, stressed that the TUC was not attempting to impose a figure on the Labour Party. The Prime Minister said a minimum wage would "hurt the people it is meant to help".

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Postal leader rejects Blair

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Despite his own private mis-givings the leader of the postal workers yesterday hrushed aside Tony Blair's call for a ballot to end the dispute at the Royal Mail.

Alan Johnson, general sec-Workers' Union, said that the conflict was "not a matter for the Labour Party", Referring to criticism by both Mr Blair and Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, Mr Johnson said: "Comments by politicians come thick and fast. We're quite used to it. We don't need anybody to teach us lessons on how to conduct our affairs."

thought the package on offer from management was "rea-sonable" and that it should be recommended in a ballot of

Mr Johnson took the same line as the Labour leader at a meeting of his executive on Tuesday and was once more overturned by his colleagues.

By a majority of 14 to 9 the union's postal executive decided to intensify action by calling employees out on Friday 20 September and Monday 22 September, thus spreading the

disruption over the weekend. Mr Johnson is known to believe privately that a settlement should be recommended. retary of the Communication In public he represented the views of his executive. The union is resisting the introduction of "team-working". as part of a range of efficiency mea-

Leaders of the RMT transport union predicted "yes" votes in strike ballots among guards and catering staff at eight train operating companies to be announced today. The operators concerned are Anglia; Cardiff: Gatwick Express: Into City West Coast; the Island Line: London, Tilbury and Southend; South West Trains and Thames Trains.

Stoppages were ahead yes-terday at ScotRail; North West Regional Railways; Regional Railways North East; and South Wales and the West.



Innocent until proven guilty... Are children really as depraved as they've been painted? Blake Morrison looks behind the myths of modern childhood

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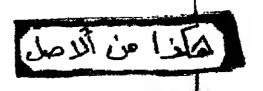
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Measure for measure: jeans get a custom-made code



Any woman who has walked up and down the high street in search of a pair of jeans that stays up without belt and braces, or doesn't require an excruciating squeezing session to do up. will welcome the latest marketing move by Levi Strauss, the US jeans manufacturers.

In what is thought to be the first project of its kind in Europe, women can nrder customised denims, as Levi's pilut a "Personal Pair" scheme in their flagship store in Regent Street, London, and in Sheffield. Shoppers will be able tn walk into the stores and be neasured for a pair of personally tailored jeans.

This is not a venture into the world of haute couture for Lovi's, but rather a marketing concept known as "mass customisation". Under the scheme, a woman's measurements, name and address are fed into a computer. Customers then try on jeans from Levi's pool of more than 300 prototypes. The measurements are then amend-

ed to ensure a perfect fit. The process should take around 20 minutes. The customer's details are sent to the

Glenda Cooper reports on a new jeans-by-computer look for British women

Levi factory in Belgium, where computer-controlled tools precision cut the jeans, and stitch Mr Musgrove sees the an individual barcode inside. The jeans are then sewn and washed, identified by the code and shipped to the customer's home or to the shop where they were bought. The whole process should take around 21 days. But there is a premium - the tailored jeans will cost £65 compared to £46 for a standard pair.

If the scheme proves as popular here as it has in the United States and Canada, Levi's will consider offering the service across Europe, and extending it tu include men.

But the fashion sceptics are not enthusiastic. "If I was being unkind I would say it was a gimmick," said Eric Musgrove, associate publisher of FW Magazine (formerly Fashion

Weekly).

If I was being kind I would say this was just an extreme ex-

where jeans companies riffer a range of fits and leg lengths, as well as cuts specifically for women: "In the last three or four years there has been much greater awareness that you can't get young women to buy men's baggy jeans, particularly as a much slimmer look has come

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into fashion. "Historically and socially jeans have come a long way. Gianni Versace oow has a line called Jeans Couture, which is a contradiction in terms. Jeans are acceptable in virtually any social situatino, and that is reflected in the price. They can cost in excess of £45 tn £50."

But he was unsure that the Personal Pair scheme would catch un in a hig way: "I think it is for women with odd body shapes," he said.

Banks' student loans deal collapses

FRAN ABRAMS Education Correspondent

Government plans for a twintrack student loans scheme run partly by the banks have beeo abaodoned, ministers anoouoced yesterday.

The proposals, originally due to be implemented this October, year because of problems in arranging the deal.

Now financial institutions will be invited to buy part of the existing debt and the administration of the existing is wholly owned by the Govloans scheme could be contracted out. Students will still be Treasury. The twin-track able to take out loans on exactly the same basis as before.

Ministers had haped that in future the hanks would take on much of the cost of running student lnans, but the banks were initially sceptical about the idea. Barclays, The Clydesdale Bank and National Home Loans did eventually bid for the contract, and had been expecting an announcement at the end of July. Yesterday they said they were shocked and disappointed at the Government's change of heart.

Last night some of those involved speculated that the banks might have been demanding more guarantees than were on affer. The Government tried to set up a loans scheme involving the banks seven years ago, but on that occasion they pulled out.

Making the announcement Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, said that £2bn in nutstanding loans had huilt up

since the scheme was launched in 1990. The Government aimed to transfer the financial risk from the scheme to the private sector, out it was hard to identify in advance how such changes could come about.

"We have concluded that in the immediate future our longterm goals can best be achieved had already been delayed for a through the sale of part of the existing student debt and the strategic contracting out of the administrative work of the Student Loans Company," she said.

The existing loans company ernment and funded by the scheme would have given students the choice of a government loan or one on the same terms from a bank.

Last night the loans company's chief executive, Colin Ward, said the failure to strike a deal reflected the efficiency with which it was able to do the

"Our cost-effectiveness had to be matched, and obviously the banks haven't been able to reach a deal with the Government. We take a positive feeling from that, and it is nur intention to continue with our extensive programmes to increase that efficiency," he said. A spokesman for Barclays said the bank was disappointed

by the decision. We believe our proposals would have brought benefits to students in terms of quicker turn-round time on application, improved access through our 2,000 branches and faster availability of funds," he said.

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By Peter Redgrove

A bee in the library Of elm books and oak books, Holly shelves, Ivy shelves, The dreamlike slumber in books;

Polishing the windows of the drowsy-house That open to and fro One sees out of the leaves;

I open the book and its honey runs over, The supple binding polished with beeswax, The dark-veined pages, The whispering leaves Inscribed with sentences that hum In the amber twilight,

A gentleman's library In which to drowse That is full of Virgil Who has finished with all Heroes larger than beesize.

MIS WILKING SIN VICE

The Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry 1996 has just been awarded to Peter Redgrove. It is the culmination of a string of awards. the Cholmundeley and Prix Italia among them, for a poetic output that has spanned three decades. Redgrove is a complex and sometimes impenetrable poet, the deft hand of the surrealist masking an integrated and consistent visioo of the universe in which man ultimately plays a minor role. A new collection – from which this poem is taken – Assembling a Ghost will be published by Cape in November (£7). Redgrove will be reading during the Poetry International festival at the South Bank, Loodon, 25 October to 3 November.



*Free ticket is a standard class Eurostar return. Offer applies to business first and premium first tickets that are issued in the UK for travel on or before December 31st 1996. Free ticket travel must be completed by 31st March 1997 and is subject to availability.

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

John Major has privately told party workers that the prize awaiting the winner of the next general election will be the best economic prospects since

the First World War. Speaking to party workers and supporters at a private dinner, the Prime Minister said he did not want "woolly thinking"

to throw away the opportunity facing the Tories. His speech, filmed by a Saatchi and Saatchi team for use in the election campaign, showed the main Tory campaign attack against Labour: that the voters risk throwing it all away. This ignores evidence in the Independent that the rising public debt will force the next government to consider tax increases. But

Mr Major told the faithful at a

ernment to concentrate for the first time on social policy, law and order and changes to education. He promised legislation in November to introduce minimum sentences for sexual and violent crimes, burglary and drug dealing, which would be far more severe than those handed down over recent years.

hotel in Bristol that he wanted wider role for grant-maintained I don't wish that to be thrown the next five years of Tory gov-schools, selection, streaming, away." The next election would will inherit the best and most seschools, selection, streaming, the return of grammar schools and single-sex schools. "I would love to see in the next five years legislation dominated from the family view upwards, not the bureaucratic view downwards,"

Britain was enjoying low inflation, low interest rates, and stable growth. "That is the message I would like to get over on reason - the party that wins the devolution, which would break On education, he wanted a every doorstep, God help me-

away." The next election would be a watershed like 1979, when the Tories came to power. The 1983, 1987 and 1992 elections were not watersheds. "It is true in 1997. Although I must oot give you the date of the election, do oot go on holiday in the spring," Mr Major said.

"It is true next time for this

cure economic prospects of any incoming government for the past 70 years. That is the prize."

Mr Major said Labour presented themselves as "bornagain moderates". But he attacked the Social Chapter which Labour would sign for threatening jobs, and Scottish up the UK. "The opportunity

for this country if we build on what has been gained by what we have done and in a sense what the country has suffered over the last five years, is limitless. What a tragedy it would be if woolly thinking were to throw away so much of what has been achieved in the last 17 years, and the opportunities that lie ahead in the oext five." There was still the chance of

Tory flag which had existed in the past, he said, and he privately appealed for the support of his party and MPs in getting the message to "those peoplewho have a stake in this country who would lose if tuere was a change of direction. I do not say it lightly when I say there is more at stake ... than there has been for many years past. That is the message we have to go out to the country with.".

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On the stump: Labour targets West Midlands businesses and industry as the John and Norma show go calling on Avon

JCB boss and men in suits join Blair fan club

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

Leaving behind the back stabhing rows at Blackpool's Trades Union Congress, Tony Blair yesterday flew to the West Midlands to win the high praise of one of the country's higgest private industrialists.

On a swift visit to industry and business in the region - taking in boardroom, shop floor, husiness park, and a behindcounter stint in a Coventry Mc-Donald's - the Labour leader hit the ground running after the party's stumbling performance with the union barons.

As Mr Blair regurgitated the sound bite of the day for the umpteenth time - "Unions will make claims, employers will make claims; we govern for the whole country - an aide commented: "We turn every crisis into an opportunity."

Having been presented by the Conservatives as a mao at the mercy of the unions, Mr Blair used the day to display the fact

that he was oobody's patsy.
The opportunity to deliver that message was offered by Sir Anthony Bamford, chairman and managing director of JCB. Founded by his father, JC Bamford, 50 years ago, the compa-

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helicopter to his Staffordshire factory outside Uttoxeter, Sir Anthooy eodorsed the Labour leader: "He's a very refreshing

But Sir Anthony, former president of the local Conservative Association in Burton, a Tory marginal seat, and a donor to the he might one day make a con-tribution to the Labour coffers.

government." Later, realising his mistake. Sir Anthony added, "If they are elected, If,"

Mr Blair was quick to exploit JCB as an example of the enterprise he wanted to encourage: high investment, strong on training and a shop floor partnership between the union Conservative Party, went signif-, and an enlightened manage icantly further. Asked whether ment. "It's how most trade be might one day make a con-unions do work," he said.

ny now has sales of more than tribution to the Labour coffers. On the shop floor, where £700m. Flying Mr Blair down. he told The Independent. We it workers get in excess of £6 an from Blackpool in his company wait and see how they go on in hour, the men in blue overalls ap-

peared enthusiastic. But some

said they would wait and see. Mr. Blair found greater warmth among an audience of businessmen at the opening of a new private business park in Coventry, where a number of men in suits told him they would be voting for him.

Relations with business have heen completely transformed. We talk to more business people than the Conservatives these days," Mr Blair said.

The tour ended with the hu-

man touch. Having driven a JCB earth shifter off the production line in Staffordshire, Mr Blair went to a McDonald's, where he served milkshakes - without charge - to a couple of mothers. It might not win the votes of

those he meets, but it certainly wins much media coverage to sell the message of the day. "We are going to get beyond the damaging battles of the past." he told local BBC radio, "and offer a better, more just, more prosperous future.

Major sends autographs flying like confetti

winning back support to the

COLIN BROWN

John Major yesterday said that Labour's lead in the opinion polls was "flaky". Standing on the dockside near Bristol he insisted the tide was turning against Tony Blair's New Labour Party.

Chief Political Correspondent

'A change of atmosphere is becoming apparent everywhere, up and down the country. It is a while before it is reflected by the fashionable opinion formers." he said.

If autograph hunters decided the outcome, Mr Major would be home and dry. He handed out signatures like confetti at the Sovereign shopping mall in Weston-Super-Mare, Avon, when he went oo a walkabout with his

The John and Norma show was delayed for nearly two hours while Mrs Major visited the printers in Frome to get bold of the first copy of her latest book, a history of the Prime Minister's country residence, Chequers, to give to the Queen at Balmoral at the weekend.

But the shoppers waited patiently to meet the Prime Minister, emphasising that Mr Major and his soap box remain the Tory secret weapon. Few of the autograph hunters in the Tory constituency held by Jerry Wiggin appeared to be committed voters for the party. J

One housewife said she was going to vote Liberal Democrat having voted Conservative all her life: "I can't bring myself to vote Labour but voting Lib-eral Democrat is the only way



Major on walkabout yesterday Photograph: Christopher Jones

The anecdotal evidence in some of the key marginals is that the Liberal Democrats may gain but they could be squeezed. belping the Tories, if cothusiasm grows for Mr Blair. At the momeet there is little sign of that.

John and Norma signed Tshirts for two men who said they were from a local alcohol and drug rehabilitation unit, "I voted for Maggie Thatcher in 1979 and I am going to vote for Mr Major. It's always been that way," one said.

Emerging from the media scrum, Janet Lambard, a Green Party voter, said: "I don't agree with anything he says but I still respect him as Prime Minister. would rather have him than Tony Blair."

Bill Gibson, 58, who runs a small gift shop on the front, said the Government had lost the

support of the elderly who are a predominant force for the Torics in retirement resorts. "It's lack of action and lack of confidence," he said.

The demand for the Prime

Minister's autograph raised the question why they wanted his signature if they were not going to vote Conservative? He is undoubtedly popular pressing the flesh but there may also be a shrewd market demand for his signature while stocks last.

Mr Major is learning trade craft before the camera crews and he refused to be interviewed squinting into the sunlight at a photo opportunity. There were rumours that he was suffering from a hangover after partying with local supporters. His aides insisted that he was given two painkillers for a different reason - he had a pain in the neck.

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'Viz' challenges McDonald's over TV money tips

DAVID LISTER Arts News Editor

"Don't waste hundreds of pounds on expensive carpet. Simply buy two small pieces attach them to the bottom of your feet and get that quality carpet feel throughout your home." This is one of the "money saving tips" in the current television commercials for McDonald's, the burger chain.

"When out shopping, gluc carpet tiles to the soles of your shoes. They make Sainsbury's feel like your living room."
This is one of the "Top Tips"
published by 1-12 magazine, the
cult comic, in 1987 and included in a compilation book in

Lawyers representing Viz are now studying the McDonald's campaign and have written to the burger company's lawyers expressing their concern.

In the McDonald's radio permission to use the tips. campaign listeners are counselled on bow to "save money on expensive binoculars". They are told "to stand closer to the thing you are looking at and then it will seem bigger".

In Viz issue 36, published in May 1989 and then republished in a compilatioo paperback, was the following Top Tip: "Don't waste money buying expensive binoculars. Simply stand closer to the object you wish to view.

found echoes in the McDonald's campaign were next to each other on the same page of the Viz issue of March of this year.

It's extremely surprising to have

anything you publish used by

somebody else virtually word for

word. Our lawyers are in touch with McDonald's lawyers. Mc-

Donald's didn't ask our per-

mission or approach us at all.'

A spokeswoman for Mc-Donald's said: "They are sug-

gesting that we have perhaps

taken the idea from Top Tips.

We say we haven't. Our cam-

creative people went to a num-

just taken from jokes people had

heard over the years.

We just took the concept of weird and wacky ideas. Our

One McDonald's commercial is almost exactly the same as a Vi: Top Tip, only using the phrase "second-hand shop" instead of "Oxfam". Vi: s tip in March of this year was: "Save a fortunc on your laundry bills. Give your dirty shirts to Oxfam. They will wash and iron them and you can then buy them back for lifty pence." The money saving tip from McDonald's urges: Save a fortune oo laundry hills. Give your dirty shirts to a second-hand shop. They'll wash and iron them and then you can buy them back for 50p.

Two other "money-saving tips" in the McDonald's campaign bear remarkable similarities to the Viz Top Tips, leading some Viz readers to think the magazine has given McDonald's

One Viz reader in Gloucester has written to Viz with a new Top Tip. He advises: "Geordie magazine editors, continue paying your mortgage and buying expensive train sets ... by simply licensing the Top Tips concept to a multi-national

burger corporation."

Viz's publisher, John Brown of John Brown Publishing, said last night: "We're actually getting quite a few complaints. Readers think we licensed the Top Tips to McDonald's and



Old joke: One of the "Top Tips" published by Viz which bear a strong resemblance to McDonald's new TV commercials

Tale of chivalry tops BBC drama

MARIANNE MACDONALD Media Correspondent

EW FANTASTIC SAVING

> The Hammer horror legend Christopher Lee is spear-heading BBC television's feading BBC television's £184m drama schedule for oext year with a chilling perfor-mance in Sir Walter Scott's 19th century classic oovel Ivanhoe.

Lee, 74, plays the arch villain Lucas De Beaumanoir in a £6m adaptation of chivalrous derring do set in the time of Richard I, ceotring oo Saxon and Norman emity and the battle for the hand of Roweoa.

The six-part serial is the BBC's flagship production for the coming year and Lee's portrayal of the Templar Grand Master is described by the corporation as "simply superb". The Last of the Mohicans ac-

tor Steven Waddington takes the title role, and Victoria Smurfit as Rowena and Susan Lynch as Rebecca complete the love

Ivanhoe, written by Scott in 1819, is yet another classic adaptation from the corporation, which is still basking in the

success of the "Pride and Prejudice effect". It is due for

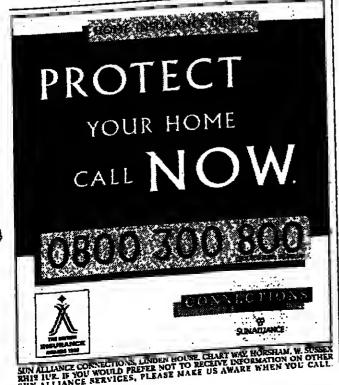
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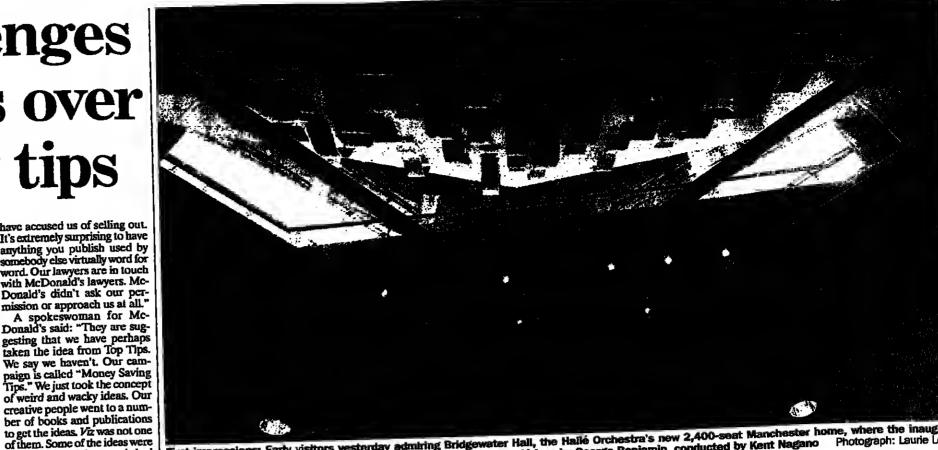
Iotriguingly, Salman Rushdie's Booker prize-winning novel Midnight's Children is to be turned into a six-hour drama serial, to be shot in India next year. And another costume drama, an adaptatioo of Henry Fielding's Tom Jones, is also on the cards.
Also recommissioned for

eight more episodes is Bally-kissangel, which attracted audiences of almost 15 million in its Sunday evening slot last year.
A total of 13 series have been recommissioned, including Hetty Wainthropp Investi-gates, Hamish Macbeth and

Common As Muck. Ruth Caleb, acting bead of BBC TV drama, said: "We are delivering successful programmes on a scale which has the chiefs at ITV under ining pressure from their advertisers. Fortunately we are answerable to our viewers and

not to advertisers. "The BBC's unique funding enables us to take risks, build on potential success and offer unsurpassed range."





First impressions: Early visitors yesterday admiring Bridgewater Hall, the Hallé Orchestra's new 2,400-seat Manchester home, where the inaugural concert last night was to feature the world première of Some



You'll find the peaches next to the tuna.

If you think shopping is a chore, imagine what it's like when you're blind. How could you tell the difference between a tin of peaches, or tuna, or even dog food? Small wonder that many blind and partially sighted people find shopping so difficult they avoid going alone. The Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) believes loss of sight shouldn't lead to a loss of independence. So RNIB trains supermarket staff to understand the needs of blind and partially sighted customers. We can also give advice on layout and lighting in supermarkets, as well as the design of packaging. Shopping may always be a chore, but it should never be a challenge. If you know someone who may need RNIB's help, or wish to make a donation, please call us on 0345 023040.

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Gold loses its glitter for the Swiss gnomes US calls for veil of

Banks' wealth built on Holocaust loot

IMRE KARACS

The glittering symbols of Switzerland's wealth are piled in the vaults of the capital's most imposing building, the neo-classical National Bank on Berne's Bundesplatz. The gold ingots which underpin the world's hardest currency have until recently been a source of national pride but oow they are beginning to lose their lustre.

It turns out that some of the gold is stained with the blood of Holocaust victims. The Swiss parliameot, pressed by the US and Britain, is to set up a commussion of historians to investigate what is left of the Nazi loot. There is quite a lot, according to Gian Trepp, who has written a hook on the Bank for International Settlements and its dealings with the Nazis.

He said that the German Reichsbank sold SF1,700m of bullion to the Swiss National Bank. "It was only in Switzerland that the Germans could buy foreign currency."

Some of the gold was legal Reichsbank property but most was plundered from the occupied countries. After the war, when the Swiss struck a deal with the Allies to hand over the

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loot, they came up with a tiny 'estimate of their illegal board. The Allies collected SF250m; the rest remains in Berne.

They [the Swiss] were perfectly aware that it was stolen gold." Mr Trepp said. Among material never returned was 58 tonnes of bullion from the Belgian ceotral bank, large amounts from Italy and the Netherlands and a smaller quantity bought from the Prussian mint. The Prussian ingots contained gold from the teeth of Auschwitz inmates. The authorities, it seems,

have been ignorant for the past five decades of the source of their banks' wealth. "The establishment - the politicians and the finance sector - wanted to know nothing," said Oskar Scheiben, a journalist, whose paper, Zurich's Wochenzeitung, has been trying to expose the banks' dealings. Historians dismissed his disclosures and politicians declined the temptation to delve into the murky past. Those seeking the gold were denounced as agitators.

Even now, as US archives disgorge documents detailing Switzerland's wartime trade, Berne remains sileot. "The Swiss government has nothing to hide," said a spokesman.



Gold rush: A lot of the spoils of the Nazl conquest ended up in Swiss vaults

to yield their treasure. We know

the money is here but nobody

knows where it is," said Iolan-

da Gross, a social worker. "Only

We cannot comment on these

allegations." Since the ingots do not reveal their origin, any attempt to separate German state property from Nazi loot is likely to be almost impossible. Apart from bullion. Swiss bank accounts are still believed to shelter deposits made during the war by the

Nazis as well as their victims. Both should have been handed account. to Holocaust survivors years ago but Jewish groups argue that the gnomes of Zurich are reluctant

Finding the lost accounts is the task of Hans-Peter Haeni, the ombudsman appointed last year to mediate between claimants and the banks. Since last September be has collected 2,300 names and sent them to the banks in two batches but today we bad someone from

their findings next year - 52 years after the end of the war.

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so many misunderstandings." he said. "We need more time."

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France looking for his parents' has yet to get a reply. "There are

The bistorians to be appointed by parliament will also take time on their research. They are expected to report

gress, is focusing on a secret

secrecy to be lifted fund that would be worth \$2ba

DANIEL JEFFRIES

The US government has joined the growing international bunt for hidden Nazi gold. It is expected to demand that Swiss banks over-ride their strict rules of secrecy in the search for assets stolen from Holocaust

Officials in the US State Department, US Treasury and Department of Commerce confirmed yesterday that they began an investigation six months ago after the World Jewish Congress discovered that Swiss anks may have received more than \$7bn in stolen Jewish assets in the Second World War.

Pressure is building in the US for a full accounting by Switzerland of its relationship with the Nazi government and its practice of accepting what were clearly stolen goods, ac-cording to secret US Intelligence documents obtained by the congress. We know the Swiss have accounts which contain stolen Jewish property," Elan Steinberg, its executive di-rector, said. "We don't know exactly who it belongs to but it clearly is not the Swiss banks."

The US government's investigation, assisted by the con-

in today's money. The fund was established to help finance the resurrection of the Nazi party after the war. The US and the congress suspect that some money in that fund, stolen from Holocaust victims, may have been funnelled to prominent manufacturers such as Volkswagen, Leica, Zeiss and Krupp Steel. The congress is awaiting answers from all those companies in response to inquiries it

The congress found out made in June. about Swiss complicity in "cloaking" stolen Jewish assets after being given full access to the American national archive, which includes all US intelligence gathered on the matter during the war. One secret US document opened for the first time this week revealed that some of the gold discovered by the Allies in 1945 at a salt mine, totalling more than 800 ingots, was obtained from melting: down the gold fillings of Holo-

"That fact alone is enough for ns to push this enquiry until we have the full truth," Steinberg

Red Cross officials in Switzerland may also have be involved, he added.

Romania brings back ban on gays

Central Europe Correspondent

Less than two months before a general electioo, Romaoian parliamentarians have outraged human-rights activists by seeking to recriminalise homosexuality between consenting adults. An overwhelming majority of

MPs in the lower house would like to see the reintroduction of legislation originally passed under the Communist dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu, by which homosexuals could face up to five years in jail. The London-based human

rights group. Amnesty Interna-tional, condemned the proposed new law as "a backwards " which, it falli "the worst such law in Europe".

Other opponents say the law flies in the face of the Romanian government's promise to hring its legislation on homosexuals into line with more liberal European norms following its accession to the Council of Europe in 1993. "This is clearly an anti-European attitude that pays no respect to human rights," Cris-



tian Radulescu, of the opposition Democratic Party, said A combination of the ruling Social Democracy Party, nationalists and the opposition Peasant Party ensured an overwhelming victory for reinstatement of the law in a parliamentary vote on Tuesday. The decision has to be approved by the Senate and President Ion Iliescu, which is unlikely to be

completed before the elections in early November. Much of the pressure for the law has come from Romania's Orthodox church, which condemns homosexuality as "the tyranny of selfish, barren passion". At its instigation, bundreds of thousands of Romanians have signed petitions calling for a return of

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, all other countries in the region have decriminalised ho-



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Rescue workers fight to get one-year-old Cassandra Gomez to safety in Puerto Rico as floods caused by Hurricane Hortense left at least eight people dead and thousands homeless. The child, her father and three siblings were rescued after being cut off in a house for nine hours. Her mother was reported missing Photograph; AP Photograph: AP

Fall of Afghan city could spell end for Kabul

RAYMOND WHITAKER

The balance of power in Afghanistan's 18-year civil war may have tilted decisively following the reported fall yesterday of Jalallabad, the country's ain eastern town, to the rebel Taliban militia.

A Taliban commander told Afghan Islamic Press, a oews service based in Pakistan, that they had taken Jalailabad, capital of Nangarhar province, and its airport from forces loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani. The news service said this had been confirmed by its sources in Jalallabad. Earlier, a government spokesman admited the airport had falleo and that fighting was raging in the town, 60 miles from Kabul.

The seizure of Jalaliabad by laliban, which cootrols nearly half Afghanistan, would tighten the encirclement of Mr Rabbani's government. The next target is likely to be Sarobi, the main town between Jalallabad and the capital. It is a strong-hold of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, who besieged Kabul for more than a year before joining forces with Mr Rabbani after the Tal-

iban's appearance on the scene.

Jalallabad had escaped the levastation suffered by most of Afghanistan's towns by re-maining out of the fighting among the movements which drove out the Communist regime in 1992. A coalition of

factions ruled the area, whose relative stability attracted refugees from other parts of Afghanistan. Kabul's forces moved into the town to try to bead off the Taliban advance. but apparently too late. The Taliban, which has besieged Kabul for the past year, has pledged to install a purist Islamic order throughout Afghanistan

Afghanistan.
Pakistan denies helping the
Taliban and says it has no favourites among the Afghan factions, most of which it helped during their war against Soviet occupation in the 1980s. Before the battle for the town began an apparent peace mission ended in the death of the Nangarhar governor, Engineer Mahmood, and six colleagues. shot dead while driving towards the Pakistan border.

AJP said the group seemed to be beading for peace talks with Taliban leaders. There was no immediate informatioo who was responsible. Mahmood, a commander of the neutral Hezb-i-Islami faction of Maulvi Mohammad Younis Khalis, died hours after he had been appointed acting governor of Nan-garhar. A Taliban source in the north-western Pakistani town of Peshawar, who did not want to be identified, said Mahmood had been in contact with the Talihan and had wanted to hand over Jalallabad peacefully to the

B-52s on alert after Iraqis fire at US fighters

poised for further retaliation against Saddam Hussein, after Iraqi forces yesterday fired a ground-to-air missile at two US fighters in the northern nofly zone, and an Iraqi jet and helicopter both breached the "no-fly zone" in the south of the

"We reserve the right to take action to protect our pilots," the White House spokesman, Mike McCurry said, while the Pentagon said that the US "will take action" if its aircraft come uoder threat. To underline the warning, B-52 bombers like those used in last week's cruisemissile strikes against Iraq have been moved closer, from their hase on the Pacific island of Guam to Britaio's Iodian Ocean base of Diego Garcia. The US has also moved F-117 stealth bombers to the region, the Defense Secretary, William Perry, told reporters.

According to the Pentagoo, the F-16s were attacked by a single Soviet-built SAM-6 missile. The missile missed its targets, but Iraqi radar was turned off

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so ouickly that the US aircraft had no time to return fire. But the language emanating from the White House vesterday did assessment of the diplomatic seemed to leave little doubt that the omission would soon be made good.

The incident took place at mid-morning Iraqi time, 3.58am Washington time, midway between Zakho and Mosul in the porthern, Kurdish-inhabited portion of northern fraq. An Iraqi militaty spokesman said. Baghdad's forces had launched three separate attacks against "the criminal American enemy and those who are taking part with it." But the Pentagon detected only one missile fired.

Further evidence that Washingtoo is preparing the ground for a new series of attacks from the State and Defense departmeots that President Saddam is oow rebuilding various air-defence installations in the south that had been destroyed by the 44 cruise missiles launched in last week's two strikes. New radar units had been brought in, officials say, implying that fresh action might be required to eliminate them.

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and domestic political repercussions of the renewed challenge from Iraq. Officially, the US insists that its earlier attacks have hamstrung the Iraqi leader in the south, where he poses the greatest strategic danger to Western interests.

But complaints are growing that President Bill Clintoo has acted oeither strongly enough nor in the right area to counter President Saddam. Senior Republican spokesmen like Senator John McCain of Arizona, a foreign-policy adviser of presi-dential candidate Bob Dole, argue that the US must inflict disproportionate damage on against Iraqi targets are the bighly publicised accusations and shore up US credibility.

And, Mr McCain and others claim. Presideot Saddam's real power lies in his army and especially the Republican Guard, not with his air force and air defences. Thus far however Mr Dole has avoided direct criticism of Mr Clinton's handling of the crisis, which has largely driven his own faltering campaign from the news headlines.

ing a jacket", the paper said.

Accounts of brawls, gun-tot-

ing parliamentarians and all-

night boozing sessions have

emerged before. But this time

the problem appears not so much to be the 450 members of

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assistants. They have swelled to

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Nor, it seems, can the Duma's cleaners. Officials quot-

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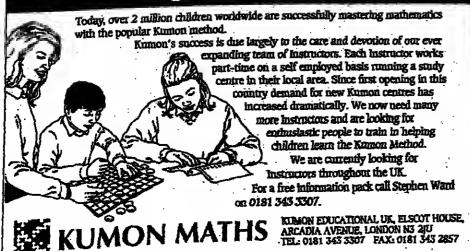


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Job cuts pose autumn threat of discontent

Europe Editor

Lazy summer is turning into tur-bulent autumn in Europe as trade unionists angered by national austerity policies and high unemployment prepare to take on their governments

A storm of labour unrest is athering in France, Germany. Italy and the smaller EU countries. Depending on its duration and intensity, it could weigh heavily on the European Union's plan to launch the single currency, the euro, on schedule in January 1999.

Last weekeod 240,000 workers marched through six German cities in protest at the attempts of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's centre-right government to impose austerity measures and other reforms, such as making it easier for companies to sack employees. In France, the seven main civil service unions called last Tuesday for a day of protest and strikes in mid-October as a way of mobilising

spending cuts and job losses. The unioos representing Italy's 1 million metal workers plan to stage a strike on 27 Seplember to force compensation for falls in real wages. More in-dustrial unrest is possible as the centre-left government of Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, prepares a 1997 budget that will aim to cut borrowing by 34.2 trillioo lire (£13.7bn).

One common factor linking France, Germany, Italy and most other EU states is the determination of their governments to cut budget deficits so that they qualify for Emu under the Maastricht treaty terms. To be a founding-member of the

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single currency, a country must join Emn. "We had best take the have a 1997 budget deficit of tough option and go in, without 3 per cent or under of gross domestic product.

Some leeway above 3 per cent will in all probability be permitted, because recession-induced unemployment benefit payments and sluggish tax revenues mean that most EU states are well above the Maastricht target. This leads to another common factor across Europe: releotlessly high unemployment, ranging from more than 22 per cent in Spain to 12.5 per cent in France and

'The Maastricht criteria could drive Europe into recession'

10.2 per cent in Germany. What is angering trade unionists and left-wing political parties in EU member-states is not the single currency project as such, but the fact that the Maastricht timetable is leading govern-ments to pursue deflationary policies, reduce benefits and allow unemployment to stay high when their economies seem in oeed of a boost.

John Edmonds, leader of the GMB union, told the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool oo Tuesday: "Taken alooe and applied rigidly, [the Maastricht] criteria could drive Europe back into recessioo and force unemployment upward."

However, like other union leaders around Europe, he said be feared the consequences for his country's prosperity and international influence if it did not

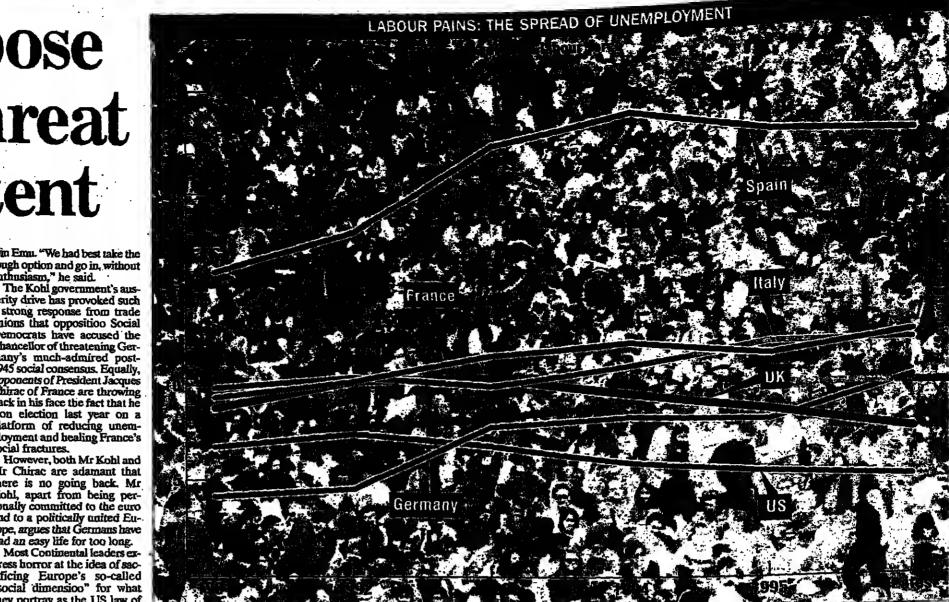
tough option and go in, without enthusiasm," he said.
The Kohl government's aus-

terity drive has provoked such a strong response from trade unions that opposition Social Democrats have accused the Chancellor of threatening Germany's much-admired post-1945 social consensus. Equally, opponents of President Jacques Chirac of France are throwing back in his face the fact that he won election last year on a platform of reducing unem-ployment and healing France's ocial fractures.

Mr Chirac are adamant that there is no going back. Mr Kohl, apart from being per-sonally committed to the euro and to a politically united Europe, argues that Germans have had an easy life for too long. Most Continental leaders exress borror at the idea of sacrificing Europe's so-called "social dimensioo" for what

they portray as the US law of the economic jungle. Somewhat ironically, it has been left to some of Europe's leading industrialists, bankers and rightist politicians to state the case against a 1999 launch for the euro.

Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, loses no opportunity to argue that monetary union, by making the single European market more efficient and productive, will ultimately be a job-creator. However, that is small consolation for Europe's 18 million unemployed, and the many millions more in insecure jobs who are increasingly associating their predicament with the Europe-wide belt-tightening necessary to launch the euro.





Santer: argues Emu will create jobs in long term

Rites, monetary wrongs and the sacred text that leads to economic salvation

ANDREW MARSHALL

Before it is possible to get to grips with Europe's problems over jobs, budgets and a single currency, the language has to be

Making the grade for a single currency is like getting to heaven, and the whole process has a slightly religious sound to it. The key text is the Maastricht treaty. No one who is anyone calls it that any more, by the way; the cognoscenti tend to refer to it as the Treaty on Euro-peau Union, or TEU for short.

Maastricht lays out the path to monetary salvation in exhanstive (and largely incomprehensible) detail. It makes little sense because all sorts of level of economic performance particular, they want to see the to have Stability, which mean bits are out of chronological as the top EU countries. EU take note of Real keeping budget deficits low.

order, and the whole thing has to be read before any of it makes sense (if then). But here, for what it is worth, is the deal: We are now in the Second

Stage of Economic and Mone-

tary Union (EMU), which is the bit in between not having a single currency and having ooe. Soon, the EU hopes to enter the Third Stage, which is monetary union. That might be in 1999. It might be a while after that before we all use the same notes and coins; that, properly speak-

ing, is a single currency. But the only countries which can enter monetary union are those that have achieved Convergence. That means that they

Countries can tell whether they have achieved convergence by referring to the Convergence Criteria which are annexed to the Maastricht treaty. These are targets for inflation, the exchange rate, budget deficits and national debt. Meeting the convergence criteria means cutting back public speoding. bringing down inflation and keeping the currency as solid as

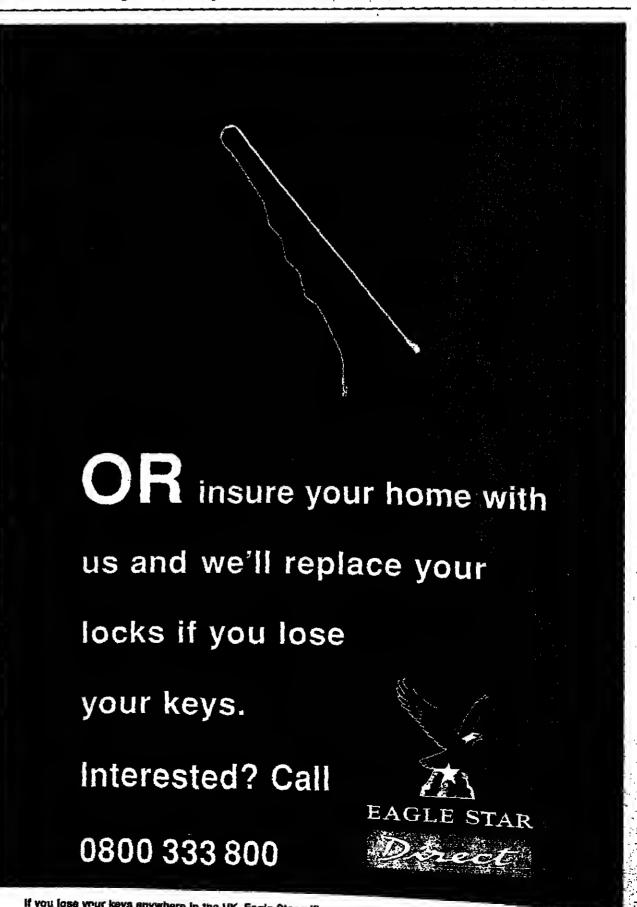
Critics of monetary union say that the process will involve too much deflation - reductions in government spending. They think that the Maastricht treaty is too much a central bankers' charter, and want other things have attained roughly the same taken into consideration. In

Convergence. That means looking at economic growth and unemployment. EU-literate critics talk about the need for greater Cohesion (which means ensuring the EU sticks together, and doesn't exclude poorer nations from a single curreocy) and a Social Di-mension (which means keeping uoemploymeot down). To boost these laudable ends, the EU has already got the Social Fund (money) and the Cohesion Fund (more money).

After monetary union, countries such as Germany are just as keen to maintain pressure on wayward countries to keep their economic haloes bright. They argue that it is very important to have Stability, which means

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The public seemed resigned to a bout of austerity. "A large majority of our fellow citizens

have recognised that changes are needed in order to secure the future," Mr Kohl said, cit-

ing a survey showing that 64 per cent of Germans agree that pub-

Assuming that the government gets its programme through parliament, it is still by

no means certain that Ger-

many will qualify for monetary union. Theo Waigel, the Fi-

nance Minister, has been forced

down 1997 budget will have to

be pruned a little more because of the soaring cost of

unemployment.

AUSTERITY EUROPE

Kohl hits jobless in move to save monetary union

IMRE KARACS

The battle to save Europe's common currency moved to the floor of the German parliament yesterday, as Chancellor Helmut Kohl rallied his troops for one final attack on the

government's hloated budget. Rising above the cacophony of heckling opposition MPs and the distant rumble of trade unionists protesting outside, Mr Kohl warned that Germany had to submit itself to a painful cure, otherwise it would go out of business. "Dramatic changes in the world economy require change in an economy like Germany's," he said in the Bundestag debate on the 1997 budget.

Next year's performance will qualify or disqualify European Union member states for monetary union. But whatever other member states can do to massage their hudgets, without Germany the scheme would have to be postponed beyond the scheduled launch date of

After husting the Maastricht treaty criteria for two successive years, Germany's budget deficit for 1997 hovers perilously close to the 3 per cent ceiling set by the treaty. In order to avert the calamity of accidentally scup-pering EMU, Mr Kohl is trying to push through parliament a back from the opposition-dom-back from the opposition-dompackage of cuts amounting to

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some DM70bn (£31hn). The proposed savings will hit pensions, sickness benefit and desrat, and now Mr Kohl needs job-creation programmes, ag-gravating the plight of the 4 mil-lion people already on the dole. Mr Kohl, who had promised to halve the number of johless by 2000, insisted yesterday that he had not abandoned his fight against mass unemployment.

"This is unacceptable and reeconomic plight, Mr Kohl's mains central in our policy.
But accelerating growth alone coalition parties maintain a narrow lead in the polls.



is not sufficient and therefore lic expenditure savings are we need our 50-point austerity package," the Chancellor said.

But independent economists, the opposition and the trade unions have accused the government of ditching social concerns in a mad dash to meet the organised a wave of strikes to admit that the slimmedearly in the summer, and have pledged to carry the cause to the streets. At the weekend, a quarter of a million people marched in several German cities in protest against the programme.

The opposition Social De-

mocrats are also trying to whip up the public with claims that the government was out to make the rich richer at the expense of the poor. "A government that wants to scrap wealth tax while postponing a rise in child benefit should be voted out of office," said Oskar La-fontaine, the Social Democ-

rats' leader. Mr Kohl's wafer-thin majority in the Bundestag will receive its severest test tomorrow, when inated upper house, the Bun-desrat. Several key elements have been rejected by the Bunan absolute majority, which is

by no means assured. But if the programme clears that hurdle, there is little the unions or the opposition can do to thwart the Chancellor, Elections are not due until 1998. and, despite the country's dire

Juppé battles to tighten belts and raise spirits

MARY DEJEVSKY

The French government faces two different and largely opposing demands in setting its 1997 budget. It has to con-vince international markets and the Germans - that it can meet the single European cur-rency criteria on time. To do this, it must make progress towards reducing the domestic deficit to 3 per cent of gross domestic product.

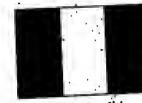
It also has to fend off rising discontent in disparate sectors that could, a majority of the French believe, cause a repetition of last winter's industrial unrest. To do this, the govern-ment has to plant a "feel good" or at least a "feel better" – factor in public opinion.

This is why an "austerity" budget, that will reduce the domestic deficit, is needed next year. It is being aggressively pre-sented by the Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, and government officials as a budget that will lighten the tax hurden and foster a rise in consumer spending sufficient to create jobs.

So far, only the most general ontlines of the budget have been revealed, mainly relating to taxation. These were published last week when a succession of leaks forced Mr Juppé to publish de-tails of what he called "a tax-cutting programme" a week before the budget was due to go before Cabinet. The actual Bill, to include state spending and receipts, is expected to be presented to parliament next month.

The government's central principle seems to be to shift a proportion of state spending on to the individual in the form of indirect taxes and more finely tuned benefits, while at the





same time rationalising and gradually lightening the direct tax burden. Whether the combination will encourage consumer confidence to the point where jobs are created and the deficit cut, however, is another matter.

State spending will be pared through cuts in defence and a reform of health and social security. These will take effect from the 1997 budget. In the defence sector, thousands of jobs will be lost in defence-related industries and in the armed forces; in the health sector, there are to be caps on GPs spending, a contract system for hospitals, and restrictions on the number of free consultations a patient may seek.

The taxation plans announced by the government last week include a reduction in the base rate, a rise in the threshold at which people start to pay tax, and a reduction in the top rate - all to take effect over the next five years. Against this, however, has to be set the phasing out of special tax concessions for particular professions and for certain popular investments, including new mortgages, life insurance policies and some types of savings. Taxes on alcohol and cigarettes will also be increased substantially.

Each day since the an-nouncement of the reforms there have been leaks about other tax plans. Local taxes, for instance, are set to rise above the rate of inflation - in some areas by as much as 10 per cent suggesting that some central government spending is being delegated to the regions under the guise of decentralisation.

Women on maternity leave, pensioners and people on low incomes or state benefits may be required to make national insurance contributions.

Yesterday, another leak said that the government would toughen conditions for receiving state benefits, by assuming a means-tested sum that should be contributed by other family members. So, for instance, a young person out of work might find that working family members were required to contribute to his or her upkeep.





Rough ride: Chancellor Helmut Kohl (left) and the Social Democrats' leader Oskar Lafontaine during the budget debate yesterday

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MARY DEJEVSKY Paris

The French government has announced a complete reorganisation of its defence research and procurement operation, designed to make French defence industries commercially competitive and facilitate co-operation within

The restructuring of the Délégation Générale pour l'Armement (DGA) was described by its recently appointed head, Jean-Yves Helmer, as the most far-reaching change since the DGA was formed.

Mr Helmer, formerly head of Peugeot-Citroen's car division. said yesterday that he wanted to bring the principles of civilian industry to France's defence sector, which has long been cosseted from competition.

He offered three main aims: to organise the defence industries so that they could compete on efficiency and quality in the international market; to prepare them to take their place in a European arms agency, which was announced as a French-German enterprise earlier this year but is expected to be joined soon by Italy and Britain; and

The naval shipyards group, DCN, announced annual losses of 7bn francs for last year, far exceeding its annual turnover, and more than 6,000 jobs are to

be lost this year. Other traditional sectors of the defence sector are facing difficulties of a similar order. Yesterday more than 10,000 shipyard workers held a day of action to protest against

The change that the DGA is to undergo, as an institution, is akin to the "agency-isation" of Britain's defence procurement. The complex structures set out yesterday by Mr Helmer, and his pledge that - for the time being at least - no jobs would be lost and that everyone working for the DGA would have a place in the new structure. indicated the government's concern not to aggravate relations with public sector workers but also suggested that the cultural change might be slow to

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Teenage love that turned into a nightmare of betrayal, jealousy and violent death



Rupert Cornwell reports on the dream Texas Diane Zamora and David couple who are accused of a cold-blooded murder Graham were the stuff of American dreams - the best and hrightest of the small-town

en, and then shot twice with year-old sweethearts who had just entered two of the country's

Texas where they grew up, 18-

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the date: 13 August 2000.

premeditated murder.

Exactly a month later, the body

of Ms Jones was found by a lake

at Grand Prairie, a suburb of

Fort Worth. She had been beat-

9mm pistol. In tight-knit and God-fearing suburban Texas the crime was a sensation, hut a complete mystery. A young man at Mansfield, where Graham and Jones were at high school, was hriefly arrested, hut released for lack spend that day in prison. Teenage kee has turned into an of evidence. As the months went by police lost hope, until American nightmare of belast week the answer emerged more than 1,000 miles away.

trayal, jealousy and violent death. The tale is so hizarre as Diane Zamora, now in her first term at the US Naval to be scarcely believable. But if confessions they both have Academy in Annapolis, Marysigned are true, Zamora and land, took part in a tell-all ses-Graham face conviction for sion with her two room-mates, discussing the worst thing each Their victim, according to had ever done. In her case, it gradually emerged, the answer police, was Adrianne Jones, a 16-year-old schoolmate of Grawas that she and her boyfriend ham and like him a member of had committed murder. the cross-country team. Last November the two had a hrief fling.

At first disbelieving, the room-mates none the less reported the episode to the Annapolis authorities. Scarcely less puzzled, the Academy in-

formed police departments around Fort Worth. The unsolved killing at Grand Prairie seemed to fit. Initially Zamora maintained she had made her story up. "to gain sympathy and attention", and in the ab-sence of conclusive evidence she was sent home to Texas.

Then the police interrogated Graham, by now a first-year cadet at the no less blue-riband US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. At first he maintained the murder was a fiction. hut after he failed a lie detector test, he confessed. He now awaits extradition from Colorado to Texas. His girlfriend is in jail, in lieu of a \$250,000 (£165,000) hond. And their crime, it is clear, is not one of headstrong teenage passion but of coldblooded, carefully plot-

According to Grand Prairie police, a remorseful, guilt-stricken Graham quickly told

Graham's parents' home. Zamora of his tryst with Ms Jones. The fling, he said in his confession to police obtained by a Dallas newspaper, was an unclean act ihat soiled the

to have insisted, the only way to expunge it was to remove every trace of it, "if you want to solve this problem, we have to make sure she doesn't exist". And so they devised their plan. On the night of 3 December 1995, Graham arranged to meet Ms Jones and came to collect her at her home in a pick-up truck, in which his girlfriend was hiding. They drove to the deserted lake where the killing would take place. The

"purity" of his long-standing re-lationship. And, Zamora is said

original scheme was to sink Ms Jones' body in the lake. But when Zamora climbed down from the back of the truck and attacked her with a barbell, Ms Jones escaped. Graham then pulled out a 9mm pis-

tol and shot her. The two accomplices left her body and fled. Police recovered the gun at

With the evidence seemingly so clear cut, Graham's hometown of Mansfield, and Crowley where Zamora lived, are stunned. The couple's American-dream-come-true had fea tured in the local papers. He was, in the words of his lawyer Dan Cogdell, a "straight-A, pick-of-the-litter kid, who had never done anything wrong in his life". The reputation of Zamora, who appears to have been the driving force behind the crime, was scarcely less.

Graham's lawyer now says his client did not pull the trigger, and that his confession was coerced. Such are the manoeuvrings in murder cases, especially in Texas which seeks the death penalty more frequently than any state. But they will impinge upon the question at the heart of the case. How, for one fleeting indiscretion, could one life have been taken, and two others, so promising, been ruined?

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

United Nations approval of a treaty outlawing nuclear tests was hailed by John Major as "historic". The Prime Minister added that it was now vital to get India, in particular, to drop its opposition to the pact. Britain plans parucular, to drop its opposition to the pact. Britain plan to sign the treaty on 24 September, the earliest possible day. The overwhelming adoption of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) on Thesday could make an important contribution to preventing the proliferation of important contribution to preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons and promoting international security, said muclear weapons and promoting international security, said Mr Major, but he added: "If the treaty is to be effective, it must command the full support of the whole international community." Render - London

Two Spanish fishermen were injured when a Portuguese naval patrol boat fired warning shots while chasing a Spanish trawler out of Portuguese waters, bringing a formal protest from Madrid Portugal, accused by Spain of using excessive force, expressed regret over the incident, but said Spanish trawlers had frequently entered Portuguese waters to fish illegally. The response of the naval patrol boat was "standard practice". Reuter - Lisbon

Armed motorcyclists freed two Israeli prisoners in Cyprus while they were being taken to court in a police also Israelis, cut off the men's handcuffs with clippers and put the prisoners on the back of their motorcycles before the prisoners on the back of their motorcycles before the prisoners of the back of their motorcycles before the prisoners of the back of the Turkish held part the prisoners of put the prisoners on the tack of their mounteyers before fleeing through a UN checkpoint to the Turkish-held part of the island, where they surrendered. Reuter - Nicosia

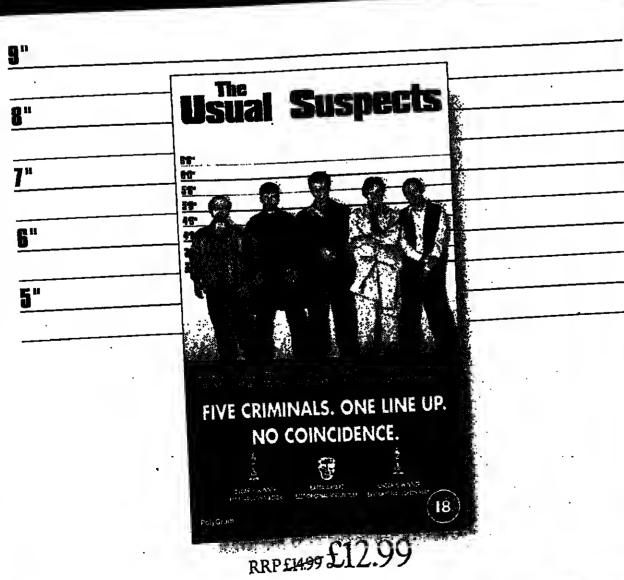
The soldier charged with bringing democracy to South Africa's post-apartheid army, Major General Marius Oelschig, acknowledged that he gave the order in 1992 to fire in the "Bisho massacre" of 29 black demonstrators. He told Archhishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission that he had radioed an and Reconciliation Commission that he had radioed an "open fire" order to field commanders near Bisho, capital of the now defunct Ciskei tribal homeland created under apartheid, when the soldiers were approached by ANC demonstrators. Reuter - Bisho

The biggest of some 80 weapons caches hidden by the United States in the 1950s as a precaution against a possible Soviet takeover of Austria has been uncovered. The cache, buried under a barn high in the Styrian mountains, included 125 grenades, more than 100 firearms and 30,000 rounds of ammunition. The existence of the secret depots was revealed in January by the American ambassador, Swanee Hunt, who handed the Austrian government a list of the sites and apologised for for the delay in informing the host country. AP - Graz

Vitzhak Rabin's assassin has been found guilty, T together with his brother and a third religious lew, of conspiring to murder the Prime Minister, Army Radio said. Yigal Amir is already serving a life sentence for killing Rahin at a Tel Aviv peace rally last November. The sentences of the Israeli court in the separate conspiracy case against Amir, his brother Hagai and Dror Adani, will be handed down at a later date. Reuter - Tel Aviv

Amissile warhead exploded at a base in the Russian AFar East last weekend because soldiers tried to hreak open the casing with a hammer in hopes of finding precious metals inside, *Izvestia* reported. All three died when the warhead of a S-125 Neva surface-to-air missile blew up. Some newer models of the warhead do have components containing gold and platinum, but not the older version the soldiers tried to open AP - Moscow

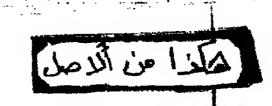
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o what if we have a Europe of 16 rather than 15 states; the 16th being the Republic of Padania,

California, or Florida, it would be a very different story.

Devolved self-determination should formerly Northern Italy? Who cares if the summer trip to Umbria crosses four borders rather than three?

SHORTS

Umberto Bossi, leader of the North-ern League, has unilaterally decided to proclaim northern Italy independent. With a rival parliament, railies and demonstrations, spoof hanknotes, and even his own greeo-shirted militia, Mr Bossi is clearly having fun. And in principle there is nothing wrong with the Padania he eovisages; an independent Northern Italy within Europe. After all, there is no point in being precious about existing West European borders; most of them have oot heen in place for very long. On the eastern end of the continent, the Czech and Slovak republics are evidence that it is possible to chop up old countries in a peaceful and sustainable manner. And countries comprising different attitudes and cultures may easily come to more or less separate living arrangements - we need only look at Belgium to see that.

If we apply that principle outside of Europe, an example this week comes readily to hand: for Hawaii to secede from the US (as some Hawaiians now want) might appear to tilt the balance of power in the Pacific, hut in fact would create no serious problem. Nor would it threaten the United States fed-

Devolved self-determination should be preferred, so long as people really want it and it does not threaten stability. So if the Italian citizens would genuinely he happier apart, they should have it that way. The trouble is this happy sceoario of two friendly hits of Italy. Bossi's Northern League, and the trouble it is stirring up, could be a problem for Europe as well as for Italy, if its cause is not swiftly diffused.

So does Padania pass the stability test? It does not look as if separate Italys would threaten the overall balance of power in the region as a whole. Both countries would stay in Nato as well as in the EU. Nor could a new Padania be accused of the kind of expansionary amhitions that have caused so much trouble with the new Croatia and Serbia. Although Bossi has never explained where the borders between north and south would lie (is Tuscany included, or cut in half?), he and his ilk want to escape the south, not conquer it. And there is little evidence that minorities in the region would be threatened or hadly treated. The fears of English-speaking Quebecois for their rights under an independent Frenchspeaking government have proved a sig-nificant obstacle to Quebec's sccession from Canada. In Northern Italy there are few distinguishable minorities. Even the South Tyrolean problem, cause of eration. If Texas wanted to secede, or



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the plight of ethnic Germans, is no

longer a hurning issue. But some potential for violeoce is emerging. Bossi's greenshirts are trained in the martial arts. Faced with the possibility that counter demonstrations could be organised by south-erners, the greenshirt chief of staff was quick to threaten comhat. Even more worrying, the Northern League is exhibiting fascistic tendencies. Bossi's own rhetorie is aggressive, not least towards elements of the media he believes are not on his side.

But it is not so much Bossi who should

long-running tensions with Austria over worry us: he is more of a joker than a devil. The real worry is that the creation of Padania would cause huge tensions within Italy. Imagine it: the rich, sophisticated north swans off with all the cash, enters the European fast stream with Germany and the Benefux countries, and leaves its southern sisters and hrothers behind. Separation would not solve the problem, it would exacerbate it.

Were there an overwhelming demand for secession in the north, some accommodation would have to be found. Trampling on the demands of self-determination in the interests of stability and security may not be suc-

testified, trying to keep a country together against its will can create as together against its will can create as many problems as it avoids. The north, hard-working and prosperous, understandably resents the southern half of Italy. Despite decades of redistribution, the south remains poor and Mafia-ridden. Southern Italy will have to get its act together if it wants a united forms. act together if it wants a united future.

But what of the other test? Do the people want it? For the moment, Padania fails this test too. The majority of northern Italians still do oot want to leave their existing nation-state. Bossi is declaring independence on the basis of a free election in which he did not even receive a majority of the vote. His highest turnout in any region fell below 40 per cent. Where changing national identity is concerned, even simple majorities are tenuous. If Scotland voted in a referendum to become independent from England and Wales by 50.1 to 49.9 per cent, even the most committed separatists would feel queasy. Bossi cannot even claim to have achieved that. As such his behaviour plays irresponsibly with publicity-seeking fire.

For all the speculation and noise about new states emerging within a Greater Europe - Scotland, Belgium, Padania, Catalonia, the Basque country the true popular demand for independence has actually been rather muted. Each of these regions wants substantial control over its own affairs, a

cessful in the long term. As Bosnia has strong voice in its local union, and some freedom of cultural expression. Once these demands have been satisfied, separatist passions may ebb. In Spain, with its federalist structure, the Catalans are content for the time being to remain within the nation-state, and support for

Basque separatism is declining.
People should be released from the trap of a nationhood they do not mainly accept. But, for all the old tensions still latent around Europe, even its most dissatisfied peoples would prefer gradual and limited devolution of autonomy to being suddenly and rudely tom asunder.

Worse than country music?

he idea that country and western music raises the suicide rate, as the psychologists informed us yesterday, stretches belief - though it's not so hard to accept that fast music makes us shop faster, or eat faster, because that's why the owners of supermarkets and wine bars inflict it on us. The academics would, however, have done more to alleviate suffering if they had inquired into those infuriating tunes that tinkle at you down the phone while you're waiting to he transferred. These could drive people to murder, never mind suicide.

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Minimum pay and the effect on jobs

Sir John Cridland of the Confederation of British Industry ("A blunt instrument that would fail to cure poverty", 9 September) assumes that the only important rea-son for introducing a minimum wage is to alleviate poverty. He goes on to play down the link be-tween low pay and poverty, pro-mote the CBI's preferred option of extending in-work means-tested benefits and claim that a minimum age will cost jobs. He is wrong on ill counts.

We need a minimum wage to eocourage competition based on skill, quality and productivity, rather than wage under-cutting; to reduce staff turnover and improve incentives and morale; to support those whose hargaining position is weak; to encourage social cohesion and, yes, to comhat poverty.

In recent years, changing demographic and employment trends have increased the oumber of wage-earning families that have falleo into poverty. As more and more jobs offer an income below beoefit levels, there has also been a dramatic increase in the oumber of families without a wage-earner. Those that do enter the labour market find they face high marginal tax rates if reliant oo in-work

means-tested benefits. Following Wages Couocils abolition, pay has fallen in many of the jobs that used to be covered by minimum wage protection. The taxpayer, rather than the employer, is now picking up the tab. Family Credit is becoming a subsidy to low-paying employers. The yearly cost of means-tested in-work beoefits is already around £3.5bn.

Finally, there is no real empirical evidence to suggest that minimum wages destroy jobs, though some studies have stated that "high" minimum rates may have a negative impact. Studies in Britain and the United States have found a positive relationship between minimum wages and employment. The key factor is the level of the minimum wage. JONATHAN FRY

Yorkshire & Humberside Low Pay Unit Batley, West Yorkshire

Sir: The politicians and journalists who oppose the minimum wage have one crucial thing in common: they are all oo extremely good wages. They simply cannot imagine the financial, physical, emotional and psychological impoverishment of working for anything under £4 per hour.

Have they thought that the impositioo of a minimum wage might raise the general level of health, cut crime, and might actually be morally right? To promise every citizen of this country the protection of the law, so that they are not exploited by ruthless employers, should oot be a subject of debate, but an aim which inspires national pride. DAVID JAMES

Inford Sir: Hamish McRae is right to suggest ("Small business is Labour's business", 6 September) that Labour should pay more attention to small and medium-size businesses (SMEs), correctly identifying them as the job and wealth creators of the future. If it does so, it will find that this sector has a clear view about what is needed to maintain an environment in which husinesses

can flourish. Low inflation and ecocomic stability are vital and Labour's commitment to these should be welcomed. Similarly, it is encouraging that the stifling effect of superfluous and often overzealously enforced regulation has been recognised.

However, a genuinely flexible labour market is also vital for Britain's future prosperity, so there is still much concern at the prospect of a national minimum wage and the possibility that a future Labour government would adopt the Social Chapter. Both of these measures would have the effect of destroying jobs and reducing British firms competitiveness across the board, hut it is the smaller business which would suffer most. TIM MELVILLE-ROSS Director-General

Abortion choice

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London ŚWI

Sir. I was saddened to see so many socialists had signed the letter from the National Abortioo Campaign (7 September) because abortion on demand so ofteo becomes abortioo under pressure for the poor, especially if they are unmarried. In countries as diverse as China and the USA certain types of women have very little "right to choose". Already in this country a woman needs considerable courage to refuse tests which could show she is carrying a handicapped child. The whole philosophy of getting rid of the unwanted, the handicapped and the illegitimate is more fascist than socialist. Dr MARGARET WHITE IP Croydon, Surrey

Moment of truth for New Man

Sir: I don't know where Adrienne Burgess gets her evidence about working fathers from (Letters, 9

September). In my experience, New Man is transformed into an ambitious workaholic just as sooo as he discovers how frustrating, noisy and exhausting two or more

children can be.
I would gladly share my "power"
in the home with my husband but he prefers to exercise his authority in the workplace, where he has more chance of being heard. CWIKELEY Romsey, Hampshire

Let Palestinians

share Nazi gold Sir. I wonder if those Jewish victims of Nazism currently seeking their portion of the Nazi gold ("Rifkind to reveal \$7bu Nazi gold theft", 10 September) would consider sharing it with those other forgotten victims of Nazism. I mean the 700,000 Palestinians (and their many more descendants, of whom I am one) who were dispossessed in 1948 to make way for the creation of a Jewish refuge in their country, and who consequently hecame, so to speak, the victims of the victims.

No compensation has ever been paid to the Palestinians for the loss nf their land, property and livelihood. Perhaps in this era of "peace" we can look to a new spirit Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime telephone number. (Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk) Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

of generosity towards Palestinians from those many Jews who have oever been slow (quite rightly) to vociferously demand reparations for their own losses and suffering. Dr GHADA KARMI London NW11

Etiquette of fax machines

Sir: I wonder whether the new edition of Debrett will resolve a burning issue of the day - what is the correct procedure when a fax addressed to someone else comes through one's fax machine, sometimes using up several sheets

This has happened to me twice and no the first occasioo I faxed the sender. On the second occasion I telephoned, and was left hanging on for several minutes before being asked to destroy the fax.

On oeither occasion did anyone see fit to thank me for my efforts and I feel disinclined to bother in future. AGNES SPIER

Too much, Alix

Sheffield, South Yorkshire

Sir. Please, please, never again print that grotesque picture of Alix Sharkey capering in a PVC cat-suit (Section Two, 6 September). It has taken me all weekend to recover from the shock. MOLLY GILLIGAN London W6

Sex mix-up in Scottish waters

Sir: Dr Gerry Best of the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency is reported as being unaware of any feminised fish in Scotland ("Sexchange waste found off beaches". II September).

A 1991 report found that 93 per ceot of a population of shrimp-like copepods living oear a sewage outlet in the Firth of Forth were intersex "hermaphrodites" - the highest frequency ever recorded for any crustacean population anywhere. Intersex in these creatures is normally extremely rare. Chemical pollution by hormone disruptors must be a major suspect in this Scottish sexual mix-up.
RAY DAWKINS Boughton Monchelsea, Kent

Internet ban misguided

Sir: We believe the recent attempt by the Metropolitan Police to ban certain news groups oo the Internet is wholly misguided. We disagree with censorship in principle, and nbject to the attempt to ban all discussion of sexual matters just because there is some pornography. Internet oews groups are a system of classification created by the voluntary co-operation of the people who post to them. If some are banned by the Met the material in them will simply flow into other

areas, where it will be read by people who do oot want to see it. It is wrong to criminalise

Internet service providers for carrying data that they could not possibly be expected to inspect. Internet oews groups carry about 500 times as much information as the works of Shakespeare every day. We will be happy to discuss means of enforcing the law that do oot involve criminalising the innocent or censoring Lady Chatterley's Lover once again. ALISTER BULMAN and 132 other signatories Campaign Against Censorship on the Internet in Britain E-mail: cacib@ivision.co.uk

Babies on trains

Sir: It does not surprise anybody oowadays that smokers are placed in a different carriage when travelling by train. Why can't we do the same with parents travelling with ehildreo?

As someone who dislikes babies, crying, the smell of oappies, the rhythmical banging of feet against seats and the stupidity of grown-ups talking like silly babies, I had trips to Spain and France ruined this summer. Please give them their own carriage, or throw them in with the smokers: both are damaging to health. MIGUEL VARANA

London NW5

A nose for eyes

Sir: When I see two lunatic eyes staring from a handbag, the first politician I think of is out Tony Blair. STEPHEN BUTTERWORTH Staplehurst, Kent

Churches failing on science front

Sir: I must confess to feeling rather smug on reading Andrew Brown's interesting article "Science, the new religioo?" (10 September), for I have all the popular science writers he mentions - and moreon my shelf.

What these writers provide is a What these writers provide is a world of intriguing fact, as in evolutionary biology, and challeoging mystery, as in quantum science, which leaves dogmatic theology looking rather like fossils in a sterile world.

If records are looking to science

If people are looking to science rather than the churches for ultimate answers, I feel the churches have largely themselves to hlame; for while clerics seem at home endlessly hickering over the aftermath of the Reformation, they seem hardly to have onticed anything that comes after the

This would seem to be borne out by reflection on the three great intellectual systems which, according to Braudel's History of Civilization, have shaped our world.
The system of Aristotle the

Church sought to accommodate (Aquinas); the second system of Descartes and Galileo the Church sought either to suppress or rebuff with oeo-scholasticism; while the third system of Einstein it has oot even attempted to understand (the new catechism of the Catholic Church accords two short paragraphs to science, while eveo angels get nine).

It is understandable that most people now think the Church and science have oothing in common: what is more damning is that for many the Christian faith has become incomprehensible in the light of modern knowledge. FI DOMINIC KIRKHAM Corpus Christi Priory. Manchester

Radio 3 in safe hands after all

Sir: Marianne Macdonald states Sir: Marianne Macconaid States ("Why we should all pay to keep Radio 3 élite", 11 September) that I believe Nicholas Kenyon to be a "Gerald Ratner of the airwaves" This is presumably on the basis of a letter which I wrote in 1991, querying his first publicised plans for Radio 3.

He answered my letter convincingly, and time has proved him right. The channel is in safe hands as it celebrates its 50th birthday this month. And so are the Proms, as Kenyoo's first season ending this week has triumphantly demonstrated.
BAMBER GASCOIGNE Richmond, Surrey

Jingo-free Prom

Sir: Several thousand schoolehildreo were recently treated to a Junior Prom in the Royal Albert Hall, given by the BBC Concert Orchestra. The concert concluded with Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March no 1, sung to words written by nine-year-old Jacob Lloyd, which concluded: "Louder still and louder, You shall bear us shout, Till there's peace in Europe, And the world throughout."

I feli more comfortable singing

this than the outdated jingoistic version we sing at the Last Night of the Proms. DAVID WILLIAMS Bromham. Bedfordshire

essay

Sir Alastair

one of the most

senior figures

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of The

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of the post-war

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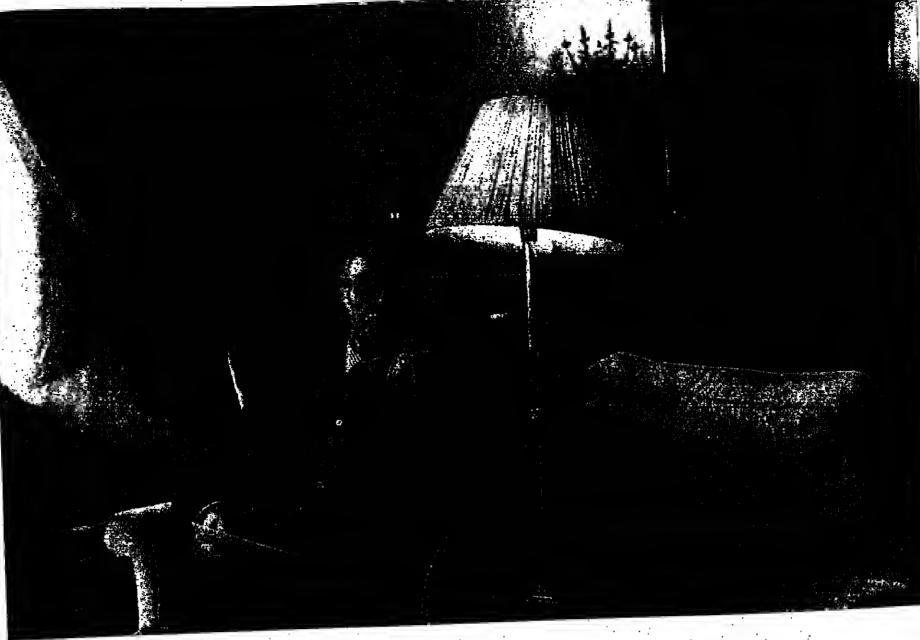
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his right mind ever refers to f, as seems likely, John Major will shortly set out Britain when the word England will do, and the average Engon his pre-election pil-grimage into the English lishman thinks that somewhere along the line in his nation's constituencies, he will no long and not ignoble history doubt declare his loyalty to the they took over Scotland as United Kingdom, and the dissome sort of subject province. asters that would follow if its In a way this is what it has concept were ever to be abanturned out to be. The Act of doned. He will preach abiding Union is nearly 300 years old. loyalty to this fallacy, but of course it is not a United King-It was a masterpiece of hribery and corruption. It was intended

dom. It is a disunited kingdom, and it is falling apart with every to set up a joint parliament of England and Scotland, but in month that passes.

I used to believe in Britain; no time at all it had become an incorporating union, with in a United Kingdom that is a Westminster continuing as the united kingdom. This is very far English Parliament plus a profrom being what we have now. portion of elected Scots representatives who didn't get very the way. Nobody but the Scots far unless they appeared to ever uses the word British. If endorse specifically, and implicyou ever hear anyone else talk itly, the centralising theories of Britain he is either a politithat hold that body together. cian who has to watch out for The name of Scotland has also the votes, or a businessman largely disappeared. This is an who has to mollify the workers inexplicable thing to have hapin his Scottish branch factory. pened to a country that was a Or he is a Scot, for we use the nation longer than most; that word doggedly in the belief was the hasis of our present that our neighbours will catch monarcby; where there were first spoken in all history words on. We are the only ones who are trying to make the British ahout freedom, democracy, idea work. No Englishman in

independence, equality, the rights of people, and the dignity of Man made in the image of God and other matters of interest and importance to the human race; which is a founder member of Great Britain and a mother country of the Commonwealth; and which in its time has made, out of all proportion to its size and population, significant contributions to all the sciences, all the arts, all the philosophies, most of the sports, many of the innovations, and even a few of the decencies. Despite this, outside of Scotland and in the rest of the world, there is no Britain

whatsoever. for this," Neil Gunn, our writer, once said. "I know that it exists as part of that age-long, and now nearly successful, drive to annihilate all vestiges of the Celt. Any effort on the part of any section - such as Ireland or Wales or Scotland - of the Celtic fringe to form itself into n nation is not merely opposed hut hitterly resented, as if it were something in the nature of a betrayal of human progress."

This is the stage of thought that has now been reached by many Scots, it seems. This is what we have to come to. Dr Samuel Johnson, no great friend of the Scots, on his tour of the Hebrides had seen this danger and told one of the MacDonald chiefs: "Your sons will be tamed into insignifi-

cance by an English education."
In explanation of Samuel Johnson it has to he said that he came armed with his intellectual apparatus to denigrate and denounce any aspects of independent Scottish culture and styles. After all, he came from the metropolis of London still trembling with the terror they had lately endured when the men of the '45 Rising nearly marched in on them and

taken over. As I travel around the world I hear no ready animosity expressed about Scotland in any of the countries of Europe, nor elsewhere. Nothing in the long sacrifice of our pioneering generations seems to have stored up ill will or given us the name of unreliable or dishonest. And it may well be that with all these Scots already in place about the world we could establish a fifth column of goodwill here at home to carry the flag, and give a new meaning to the

name of the Commonwealth. I have to assert the idea that on sheer grounds of efficiency

missed, as nationalism. I occasionally meet a Scot who will tell me that nationalism is dangerous, leading to wars and strife and the deterioration of good relations between people, while he is himself an internationalist. When a man like that tells me he is an internationalist, I know he is searching for an excuse for having done nothing for Scotland. These internationalists might do well to have a close look at the international situation that exists on their own border. Almost the

masters of compromise, But if anything ever comes up that they have decided is their right, they will not yield. One of the great attitudes of mind; which has prevented Scotland for 1,000 years from heing utterly engulfed by their flood is this: that the Scots are the only people in the world who have never underrated the English. In any proper system of government in

the notion that they are the



England.
The English are truly a

remarkable people. They are the supreme nationalists and their nationalism is of the most they do not come to it by any

only Scottish problem is the small British Islands, they would be natural and friendly allies and we could do great things together. But when the Act of Union comes at last to be rewritten, it will have to be dangerous character because a cautious and safeguarded partnership, for they take their

own world with them wherever gone before.

paigning to have Britain in at the time the Treaty of Rome was heing written. When Britain eventually decided to join, they thought the rules should be changed to accommodate them, although the thing was already a going con-cern. Heath also, in discussion with some of us, formulated the ideal of a separate legislative and parliamentary assembly for Scotland which his party adopted and then mutilated. Edward Heath seems to have sulked out of British politics, but his considerable contribution as our only major constitutional reformer of the 20th

century is still to be assessed. My paper, The Scotsman, was to the country. They the first to promote devolution
which all Scottish papers have since taken up. We urged that we should go into Europe at the time of the Treaty of Rome, and help to shape it. Instead, the UK backed away and when, at last, the British wanted in, they wanted the rules altered to suit them, whereas the thing was by this time a going concern. And the Torics are still at it, trying for late changes. For myself I have now gone far beyond the modest devolution case, and am for independence or nothing.

For the present, we want clear of England. The English have stirred up animosity for themselves everywhere. They have offended and oppressed most of the countries of the world and especially those of Europe. Their enemies are now closing in. The Spanish fishing menace is one of the most recent; the heef threat is

another. Germany and France are both out to clobber them. Even Ireland, whose memories go back far beyond Cromwell to the more recent Black and Tans. Bruton and company will turn and show their teeth one day soon. The sooner we get away from them and into inde-

pendence the better. We should be agreeing, as is repeatedly said at the dispatch box and elsewhere, that the economy is growing the unem-ployment figures are coming down, the export trade is increasing the inflation figures are being held, and all the rest. The preposterous aspect is that the Tories take all the credit for these achievements. The opposite is the case. They are all the triumphant results of increasing efforts by modest entrepreneurs, in spite of higher taxes, VAT, and the quangos the Government has

humbered them with.

The path to independence is straight ahead. With a likely Labour government in office after the general election, some sort of parliament or assembly should be soon in place. This is only the first step on the road to only the first step on the road to
"the break-up of the United
Kingdom". That is the intention.
It will break up, and high time
too. There will be opposition
squeaks and lamentations that
Scotland in independence will
find disaster and bankruptcy.
This has long since been repudiated. Eminent accountants,
academics, and economics realacademics, and economics realists, of whom we have more than our fair share, have proved that, far from heing a subsidised nation within the UK, Scotland

more than pays her way.

It is a tribute to the resilience of the Scottish economy that after 16 years of Tory destruction, and even with the effect of discretionary public expendi-ture, such as defence and other unidentified spending, in favour of the south of England - Scotland is still able to generate a hudget surplus relative to the UK as a whole.

Independent Scotland wil be welcomed among the small nations of Europe, many of them recently created and all of them prosperous. The Republic of Ireland is booming, and is able by its taxation attractions to bring foreign investment in score or more of foreign emhassies in Duhlin, so enhancing its capital status.

In our case the Treaty of Union of 1707 will have long since been laid aside. But there will no doubt be a sentiment that a diplomatic arrangement with our large neighbour might be a good idea, although on equal terms this time. There might even be justification for the setting up of a partnership to ahare convenient services and facilities. In the past we have been dragged in to imperial adventures without having any sort of say in the decisionmaking. This rule is at an end. We shall go in to whatever it is on Scottish terms, and strictly for the convenience of Scotland and her people. Once England and Westminster have grasped that they are no longer nur bosses, much good might come of such an arrangement.

intellectual nor patriotic conthey go and their own set of something of this sort must be clusion. It is already there, attempted soon. Britain is a rules which they want others to instinctively, in their bloodadhere to, no matter what has badly run place, needing the stream. Everything that is Engdecks cleared, and as I have lish is right and anything else is This must have greatly puz-zled Edward Heath, who, in the first, abortive attempt to enter said almost any system would be better than the one we have a foreign aberration, one of God's hlunders, to be treated now. It has to be recognised with amused tolerance or the Common market, was supthat sentiments like this are implacable hostility. Fate deals popularly described, and dis-We still advertise today because we did a good job yesterday Mention Tony Blair and he will appear



Miles Kington

T's time to ask the hig question again. Where Yes, it's time for another look at people and things who were unce all over the headlines and have since

totally vanished from our consciousness. People such as Graham Taylor and Terry Christian. Things like the Irish peace process and, um, lots of

other things I can't remember. Here we go then, as we look hack through the vellowing cuttings of

I wouldn't recommend

yesteryear to look at what has happened to:

Salman Rushdic Salman has, for obvious reasons, spent a lot of time in the company of policemen in the last few years. He has become very impressed with their fortitude and patience, and, often, skill, and the more familiar he has become with police work, the more interested he has become in it. Finally, nine months ago, he took the plunge and actually joined the police. Normally they do not take people who are under threat of death, but it seemed that Rushdie would be ideal for undercover and plainclothes

cover than most people. The clinching argument. for the police at any rate, was that if Rushdic joined the police and became PC Rushdie, he would no longer need expensive fulltime protection, as he would now be deemed able to look after himself. PC Rushdic is at present stationed somewhere in

operations, as he would be

more likely to preserve his

Punch The first "new" issue of the "new" Punch magazine came out a few days ago. Since

> been talking about it. Nobody has said anything about it. What has happened? Has it gone into dentists' waiting rooms all over the country and carried on as before? Not quite. What has happened is that people all over the country are waiting for the second issue to come out so that they can huy it, have a look through it and say, "Hmmm - not as good as it used to bc!"

then, nothing. Nobody has

Robert Runcie Runcie is praying for the strength to forgive Humphrey Carpenter.

Humphrey Carpenter Humphrey is getting used to the same joke being told by everyone. Carpenter, you sec, has just written another book called The Envy of the World, which is a history of the first 50 years of the Third Programme (and Radio 3), and people keep saying to him, "This book The Envy of the World, is

that all about what Robert Runcie suffers from, then?", or words to that effect. Carpenter does not laugh, mainly because it is not a funny joke, hut it is driving him up the wall.

Lord St John of Fawity Lord St John of Fawity (the former Miss Norma St John Stevas) has been trapped inside his house for several wecks now by a huge crowd of paparazzi, all shouting through his letter box and saying things like, "Would you call yourself the Sir Walter Bagehot de nos jours?"; "So do you think a future Queen Camilla is on the cards, then, Norm?"; "Are you the git who inflicted the dreadful gate in Hyde Park on us, you tasteless berk?" and, "Show us a flash of ankle for the Sunday Sport, darling!"

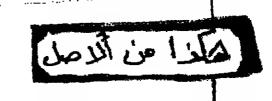
Linford Christie Linford is at a sports mecting somewhere in Denmark which ended three weeks ago. He was given two false starts and refused to leave the track. He is still on it. He is getting very thin and

Princess Diana Diana is waiting to see if the Royal Family can possibly survive without her.

Ross Perot Ross is betting enormous sums of money on himself to lose the next US presidential election. Although the odds are not good, he can't lose. If he loses the election, he collects. If he wins, he won't need to collect.

Tony Blair Tony is pondering on the significance of the fact that "Tony Blair MP" is an anagram of "I am Tory -Plan Bl"

The Irish Peace Process There is no such thing as the Irish peace process. There never was. John Major was simply trying to apply marketing techniques to Ireland as he has done to the Labour Party. He thought that if you called Blair a devilish danger, he would become one, and he thought that if you said there was a peace process in Ireland, there would be one. None of them has come true yet.



Hugh Gaitskell Without the dancing?

he night after he was appointed Lahour Chancellor in 1950. Hugh Gaitskell, in New York on a ministerial visit. York on a ministerial visit, celebrated by going to a Greenwich Village jazz club and dancing until 4.30 in the morning. How times change. It is difficult to imagine Tony Blair, or for that matter any modern British politician, with the possible exception of Kenneth Clarke (for the jazz rather than the dancing), doing anything much ing), doing anything much like that in their mid-forties.

Ganskell's lifelong passion for dancing in night-clubs, like his unconven-tional streak and his affair with the socialite Ann Fleming, wife of the creator of James Bond, is a reminder that there were sharp differences, as well as similarities between Gaitskell and Blair. It is curious, as Brian Brivati points out at the end of his dazzling new biography of Gaitskell, that he isn't even mentioned in the hlueprint written by Peter Mandelson and Roger Liddle for the first term of a Labour government. After all, it was Gaitskell and his legacy that kept alive the possibility of Labour's even-

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tual emergence as a party of the modern social democratic left. Could it be that in the only electioo Gaitskell fought, he, too, promised not to raise taxes and went on to suffer a severe defeat? Or could it be that Mandelson has subconsciously never forgiven Gaitskell for wresting the leadership away from his grandfather Herbert Morrison after Attlee stood down in December 1955? After all, was Gaitskell not the first moderniser? Didn't he stun friends and eoemies alike by trying to replace Clause IV of the party constitution? Wasn't he also a public-school and Oxford-educated son of a Tory who nevertheless had a close and formative relationship with his Northern working class constituency? Did he not draw some of the same sharp lessons from the 1959 election defeat that Blair did from that of 1992? Is there not an overwhelming sense that Tony Blair has picked up where Gaitskell was forced - by his death at only 57 - to leave off? And does the endorsement of Tony Blair by Roy Jenkins, social democrat and living disciple of G not mark the final completion of a circle?

Well, yes and oo. History is oot quite as neat as that, as Brivati knows. Iodeed, it's one of his strengths that unlike his predecessor Philip Williams, who oevertheless also wrote a fine book about Gaitskell a generation ago, he is young enough to be uninfected by the internal party struggles over the bomb and Clause IV in the 1960s. He wasn't even born when some of us, in a shamefully poisonous parody of a civil rights anthem, used to sing on Aldermaston marches: "Gaitskell is our leader/He must he removed/Just like the scum that's floating on the water/He must be re-moved."And he isn't misty-eyed enough about either of the two leaders to assume that if Gaitskell had lived to be elected prime minister in 1964 - which he surely



Donald Macintyre

Tony Blair owes much to Labour's first moderniser. Would that he owed more

> place. The industrial and social changes - including the manufacturing shake-out which laid waste Labour's unionised heartlands, were not even predictable, let alone visible. Gaitskell led the party in times shaped by the Attlee government; Blair leads it io one equally shaped by Margaret Thatcher's. To do so he has had to rolf back much more of Labour's history than merely that of the Seventies and Eighties.

would have been - he would

have simply been proto-Blair. Both those views - the

abuse he received from the

infantile left after standing

up to unilateralism in his spine-tingling "Fight, fight and fight again" speech at Scarborough in 1960 and the idea that he was Blair

before his time - ignore something important about Gaitskell: not how right-

wiog, but how left wing he was. On this analysis, Man-delson's omission has noth-ing to do with grandfilial

piety, everything to do the fact that Gaitskell was a col-

lectivist, a Keynesian

believer in economic plan-

ning rather than markets,

and committed above all to the seemingly un-Blair-like concept of Equality. Which is one reason why some

unreconstructed Gaitskel-

lites - such as Roy Hatters-

ley - get so cross with Blair.

As it happens. Blair did use the E-word in a recent

article in the Independent on

Sunday in July, saying that

he wanted to see more of it.

But, broadly, this analysis must be right. How could it be otherwise? The post-war

consensus was still firmly in

So part of the difference is to do with the times and not the men. It's futile to play time travel with political history; but Gaitskell might have looked more like Blair had he lived to be Prime Minister. It's true that he was a Euro-sceptic - indeed, it was his opposition to the terms of the Macmillan EEC application which reunited him with many of his old enemies oo the left of the party. But he would surely out have let his own followers under-mine Barbara Castle's heroic attempt to reform the unions in 1968-9.

But there were also differences which were Gaitskell's politics were humanist and libertarian where Blair's are Christian and more socially conservative. Gaitskell shocked his mother by marrying the divorced Dora Frost and was as consistent a liberal on divorce as he was an opponent of immigration controls.

And there's one other trait, one of the most attractive, which has not, at least not yet, emerged in Blair and that was Gaitskell's electrifying passioo. Blair is one of those maddeningly rational politicians of a kind which Gaitskell kept saying he was but wasn't. It may be that this is appropriate to the minimalist and politically unemotional present day. But you cannot help mourning the romantic streak in Gaitskell's make-up - and wishing you could see occasional flashes of it once again.

Fame allows West's madness to live on

by Jack O'Sullivan

o we need another book about Freder-ick West? Don't we know enough about this degrading, disgusting and mur-derous man without being

served up yet another biography; an account which con-ceals little for the weakhearted; a book whose detail will keep paedophiles and perverts salivating for weeks?

That is the question sur-rounding An Evil Love, Geof-frey Wansell's hiography of Prederick West. It is the latest such book and follows copious reporting of Rosemary West's trial and conviction for 10 murders including the killing of her daughter and stepdaughter. For such a book still to be worthwhile, this writer - a well-regarded but undistinguished hiographer of Cary Grant, Sir James Goldsmith and Terence Rattigan - would have to tell us

something very special.
There is another doubt about the Wansell book. It has been commissioned by the State - by the Official Solicitor - expressly to raise money for West's children. In short, the details of this horror story have been sold for profit by an arm of the law; the very institution that put the ser-ial killer behind bars.

Such a bizarre arrangement puts it into a different category to accounts of criminal's lives. Howard Marks, the drug smuggler, has just published his auto-biography but his consequent profit from crime has not provoked outcry. Likewise, Inside 25 Cromwell St, written by West's children, Stephen and Mae, did not prompt debate about the fate of the proceeds. But the role of the Official Solicitor in Wansell's book providing access to West's own 100-page "autohiography" - leaves a nasty taste. Consideration for the relatives of his victims requires that we are offered more than a state-sponsored freak show.

However, to be fair, It delivers a well-documented account of how this mass killer was created; a grim, unglamorous read. An admittedly secretive person himself, Wansell relentlessly pursues the truth through the haze of

West's many deceptions. It is the story of a young Frederick West, sexually initiated and beaten by his mother in a family where incest was accepted practice. From there he roamed, wooing, cajoling and coercing hundreds of women into fulfilling his fantasies. He could charm the



Rosemary West, Fred West and the biographer Geoffrey Wansell

authorities with his moffensiveness: before his jail suicide, even his prison officers were photographed joking with him. Good old Fred, what a laugh. There was nothing - includ-ing murder - that West could not get away with. And he

West's life. More importantly, the book disappoints by not looking beyond a fascination with the story's central characters. It fails to locate the thread that links Fred and Rosemary, their fantasies and their actions, to people like you and me.

ing trawl through the horrors of tial Fred or Rosemary West lies within each of us. Their their lives with most people.

uphringings - involving extra-ordinary physical and sexual abuse - and the nature of their relationship places them far down the continuum that links

Some of us will read this book and privately, shamefully, marvel at Fred West's tenacity

his first wife, Rena (a prostitute whom he eventually murdered) and Rose West, each of whom also suffered abasive upbringings and had fantasies he had never even imagined. Together, they went on a wild orgy of sex and violence in which depravity, argues Wansell, was their way of expressing love. And 25 Cromwell St, a lodging house with its constant stream of waifs

and strays, was an ideal location. All this is true. But it is little more than we know already and hardly justifies another agonisnot, however, say that a poten-

shared at least some of the fan-The Wests remain monsters. outsiders, not a challenge to tasies acted out by Fred West? our own personal thinking. At None? Look at what is sold on most, their ordinariness alerts the top shelves of newsagents. us to the possibility that child Go into a city telephone box ahusers may be found in the and see the adverts for bondage, most mundane and apparently sado-masochism and sexual vionormal situations. But we have lence. "Mistress awaits you in yet to be challenged in this her dungeon", is just one callwhole affair about what we, ing card I spotted this week, an personally, share with them. apt, if ironic, description of Some people will be offended at the notion that Rose West's activities in the

Cromwell Street cellar. they might be associated with These messages sell. They resonate in our society. So, this vicious, revolting pair. I do although we are borrified at

what Fred West did, we have to ask whether his dark side is really so foreign to our own; a horrible corner of our minds which we dare not explore? Still more disconcerting is the extent to which some of us will read this book and privately, shamefully, marvel at Fred West's tenacity, his capacity to deceive, his persistent ability to attract and cootrol women. Who, indeed, will find some of the

story sexually stimulating?
Geoffrey Wansell has danced with this particular devil. For months, he has allowed Frederick West into his mind. When I spoke to him this week, he said: "There is an element of male sexuality which I came to understand as a result of this book, which is in a sense a West version, which wishes to take revenge of women, to abuse women, wishes to use women as vehicles for emotion. That is the uncomfortable conclusion

you can't escape."

But he, and other writers, have avoided that conclusion in their published work. It is not difficult to see why. This is scary territory in which an honest man can easily be misrepresented as a siek pervert. Better to leave it alone; better to stick to the theory that there are monsters out there with whom we have nothing in common.

For a hiographer trying to keep some distance from his horrific subject, it is particularly tempting to avoid the personal implications of what he finds. "You have to keep West com-partmentalised," Wansell told me. "If you don't the dangers are so terrible. You are in danger of exploding in every direction. But the task of keeping him compartmentalised is so difficult because there is some-thing in West which encapsu-lates male fantasy. Perhaps what he reveals is that there is a final compartment within all of us and, certainly within me, that is oever revealed."

Wansell said this with the

self-knowledge that comes from 12 years of Jungian analysis. But he doesn't say it in his book. To do so might, perhaps, have been too painful and awkward and have resulted in him being called a deviant rather than simply another oppor-tunist making a mint out of what will be a best-seller.

But until people like Wansell face the challenge, their books will remain no more than a warning about a darkness out there and a voyeuristic experience for readers. We don't need any more of these books. We need a courageous book that will explore the darkness within.

riving briring. It is Roger from The Guardian asking if I could offer a few thoughts about Amanda Craig. Then
The Telegraph is on the line
asking if I mind "appearing"
in A Vicious Circle, the new oovel by Amanda Craig. Next comes Dalya, an exotic young woman from The Times, asking. Is it true, that stuff in Private Eye about you being in Amanda Craig's...? Soon, Post-It notes cover my desk like sticky snowflakes. "D. Mirror rang. Pls call". "Chap from D. Mail re A. Craig. Fame at last. After all these

years drudging in obscurity, I'm being lionised because of a fancied resemblance to a character called Ivo Plunge in a roman à clef by a woman who told me, some years ago, "Til get my own back on you" for publishing an iffy review of her last novel. Gosh. One digs out a proof copy of the book and reads it. Though flagged as a withering satire on the corrupt literati, it appears to be only intermittently concerned with the reviewing tendency, its bookish chapters interspersed with lots of handwringing about one-parent families, inner cities, the NHS, and the borrid things you find on your stairs ("needles, condoms, bubble gum"). One notes some rather

obvious references: the Slouch Club, Merlin Swagg the broadcaster, Ben Gorgle 'the portly Canadian editor of Grunt", Percy Flage the bload poet, novelist, biographer and commissioning editor (Andrew Motion - do catch up). And shamefully, one looks for oneself in the pages about Ivo, cursing the fact that novels don't carry indexes. One remarks the fact that Ivo has curly hair (me too), that he's a lapsed Catholic, exgrammar school boy (ditto),

former gossip writer turned literary editor (yup) whose father was a doctor (check). One notes with interest that "his friends compared him to Oscar Wilde, largely because of his dress..." [and] "his enemies called him the most dangerous man in Londoo". He is also "famously unsuccessful" with women, whom he routinely and charmlessly assaults with something called the "Sponge

Hmmm. One picks and chooses through all this exciting data, applying whatever shreds of selfknowledge one can summon, and one finally says: Oh hlast, it's not enough me. That's the trouble with romans à clef: If you're going to appear in them at all, it has to be as a primarycolour member of the cast, rather than a now-yon-see-menow-you-don't wraith. Makes you feel so ... insubstantial. .

his is not a view shared by David Sexton, the _ journalist and former mamorato of the author when they were at Cambridge; he has now written to Ms Craig's publisher, Viking, and got publication of the book suspended. Though a charming fellow in the flesh, Sexton does seem a dead ringer for Ivo's friend, Paul Pinsent ("the nastiest reviewer in London") but also resembles Ivo himself: Ivo is deputy literary editor of the Chronicle (Sunday Telegraph). his boss is a classy middleaged woman called Marion (Miriam Gross), his uber-boss s called Max de Monde (Hastings, until recently), he writes reviews for Private

But what people in literarygossip circles are asking is: what on earth did Mr Sexton do to Amanda Craig back in



should wreak this weirdly elaborate revenge 15 years later? Did he two-time her with another? (But that's what everyone does at university). Did he break her heart? (But Ms Craig radiates selfassurance and has been happily married for years). I think we have to look in the pages of the literary press for an answer. Ms Craig wrote a review of Hilary Mantel's novel, A Change of Climate, in February 1994's Literary Review, and got one or two facts wrong. Ms Mantel wrote voicing a mild complaint. And, some years after last being in touch with Ms Craig, Sexton pounced on it in his silkenly bitchy "NB" column in the Times Literary Supplement in April, where he hinted that Ms Craig hadn't read the book. Amanda then wrote to

undergraduate days, that she

clarity. It was at just this time that Ms Craig was putting A Vicious Circle into shape. Did her alarmingly personal attack date from this encounter? You bet. By the end of the year it was clearly preying on her mind - witness another letter in the TLS (December 1994) taking issue with the magazine on the subject of authors' disclaimers ("All characters in this story are imaginary and no reference is intended to any living person...").

the TLS a month later.

complaining that it was the

id you see that story about the Staffordshire driveways? Surprised householders in Cannock, Staffs, woke up after a rainstorm to find that their newly laid driveways had melted away in a poug of builders had used "broken

mints" instead of white stone

One can only imagine the

predicament of the builders.

The driveways must be laid. Time is a-pressing. The contractor is complaining. The white stone chippings have failed to turn up. It's 4pm. What should they do? One of them, full of make-do-andmend invention, has a brainwave. Down at the local corner shop, he buys the entire stock of Softmints, Minties, Polos, Trebors, ExtraMints and sends a runner to every other shop in Staffordshire. Then imagine the thousands of packs he and his colleagues had to unwrap, before smashing them to the correct size - and then they only went up to the second flowerbed. And have you seen the price of the things? A pack of Mint Imperials is 29p (Polos come a bit chesper). How can the papers call them "cowboys", as if they had botched the job with cheap materials? On the contrary.

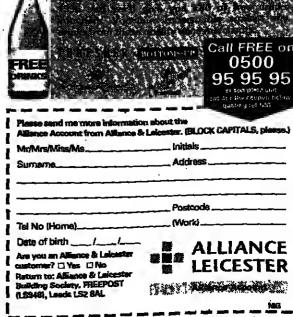
I know of only one similar nightmare scenario, when the buyers of paper at News International tried to haggle with the pulp mills over the price, and refused to buy the vast quantities of paper required for printing The Times and its sister titles until their price was accepted. But the manufacturers refused to back down - and, as the weekend loomed, the Wapping production department were staring at a paperless desert and a fearful prospect: that, if things got any worse, they'd have to nip round to Ryman'a and buy up astounding amounts of A4 white (no feint or margin), then Sellotape or Pritt them

together and try to bring out

page Sunday Times on the

1.28 million copies of the 200-

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Rose Williams

The troubled life of Rose alogue, delivered with a South-Williams haunts the works of ern accent, is echoed in the forher brother Tennessee. Like a faded Southern belle eternally described, she is the model for the withdrawn, disabled "Laura Wingfield" who seeks refuge in her collection of glass animals in The Glass Menagerie. Her brother Tom declares, "Oh, Laura, Laura, I tried to leave you behind me, but I am more faithful than I intended to be!"

Rose Isabel Williams was born in Gulfport, Mississippi, in 1909, the first child of Edwina and Cornelius Williams. Her hrother Thomas - Tennessee was born three years later. The siblings became as close as twins; as Lyle Levericb writes in his admirable Tom: the unknown Tennessee Williams (1995), "Throughout his life, Tennessee Williams had two overriding devotions: his career as a writer and his sister, Rose." Initially proud of his daughter with her "expressive greygreen" eyes and auburn curls, their father later turned against his two elder children; his relationship with his wife also deteriorated, and her resultant bias against sex had a serious effect oo Rose and Tom, "that of deep and permanent injury . . . Rose would remain a virgin all

As a child Rose was given to telling far-fetched tales of hardpressed family life, "perhaps try-ing to overshadow her brother's storytelling taleots". But Tenoessee doted oo his elder sister. and felt a sense of betrayal when she entered puberty and began to be interested in other boys:

... At fifteen my sister no innger waited for me, impatiently at the White Star Pharmacy corner

but phinged beadlong into the discovery, Love! It was additionally a betrayal for

Tennessee, who would not come to terms with his own homosexuality until his late

This distorted, dysfunctional background (there was mental illness in both parents' families) inevitably influenced Williams's work. His backwardlooking, over-heated Southern Gothic of regret and frustrated passion is suffused with the spirit of Rose, not only in The Glass Menagerie (1944), but in sbort stories such as "Portrait of a Girl in Glass" (1943) and "The esemblance Between a Violin Case and a Coffin" (1950), in which he mourns "the magical intimacy of our childhood together", splintered by the oncoming of adolescence and sex.

Tennessee could take refuge in his "interior life of memories and fantasies"; Rose bad no sucb resources to draw upon. She grew up outgoing, using make-up earlier than other girls, and was remembered as very pretty and a bit standoffish". But by early teenage "her good spirits were turning into a kind of hysteria; her laughter was more nervous than natural; she was moody and was de-

veloping a strange little hunch Self-dramatisation had tipped over ioto pessimism: "Everything was, as she kept saying, 'just tragic!' "Such di-

lorn character of Blanche DuBois in A Streetcar Named Desire, who, like Rose, was ever disappointed in love

By 1925, Rose's behaviour had become too erratic for ber ailing mother to deal with, and it was decided to send her away to school in Vicksburg - a further separation from her brother. But the "wild jazz age summer" of 1925 was for Tennessee a remembrance of Rose and her boyfriends dancing the Charleston, memories again to resurface in his own work. Rose was preoccupied with pretty clothes and looking beautiful: from exile in Vicksburg she wrote to her brother in the languorous speech of a nascent Tennessee Williams beroine, *Here I sit in agony my face covered in green beauty clay ... I don't need to tell you how striking the effect it. I think it's lovely of you to write to me so often even though I don't answer . . . as often as I should. You know stamps amount up and I am so husy." Her favourite song was "Poor

"Cruelly excluded" from the Williams family as Tennessee and his developing literary career became the battleground between his parents, at 18 Rose felt unloved, and relationships were inconstant; "My heau hasn't arrived yet, he comes in the morning and stays until one o'clock every night. I'm so tired of him I could scream Edwina her mother re-

alised, "For the past few years something unknown and fearful had been taking place in the mind of our spirited, imaginative Rose." It was hoped a good marriage would settle her, but her debut was "a fiasco from the first", wrote Edwina, "as everything in Rose's life seems to be". The local paper ran a large photograph of a wistfullooking Rose announcing she would be "the recipieot of marked social attention", as she was, for a month; but nooe of the boys asked for a second date and, soon after, serious depression took hold. Severe stomach pains had Rose believing someone was trying to poison ber; she fought bitterly with her father, who threatened to leave the family. She lacked



Ransom Humanities Research Center, Austin, Texas: from Lyle Leverich, Tom (Hodder & Stoughton)

diagnosed by her psychiatrist as fear of sex. Edwina determined that

Rose should have respectable "gentleman callers" and wanted Tennessee to bring home "some young friend" - as Amanda in The Glass Menagerie exhorts, ". . . For Sisterl To meet! Get acquainted!" (Mrs Williams "never stopped talking", recalled a friend of Rose's.) Yet Tennessee - still a virgin at 25, like his sister - hated her mept attempts at promiscuity: "Rose, I heard you offer yourself to Colin, and I want you to know

that you disgusted me." At 26, Rose's life began to go seriously out of kilter. Witness to a literary party given by her brother which got out of hand, she "informed" on him to their

Elegy for Rose

She is a metal forged by love

so that her substance will be lost

as sudden lightning or as wind.

And yet the ghost of her remains

reflected with the metal gone,

a shadow as of shifting leaves

at moonrise or at early dawn.

A kind of rapture never quite

possessed again, however long

recaptured in a web of song.

the heart lays siege upon a ghost

too volatile, too fiery thin

turning-point: "I hate the sight of your ugly old facel" Tennessee screamed at her; the cruellest thing he'd ever done, be said. In his diary, he wrote:

. . The bouse is wretched. Rose is on one of her neurotic sprees - fancies berself an invalid - talks in a silly dying-off way - trails around the bouse in negligées. Disgusting." Rereading this three years later, Williams added a oote: "God forgive me for this!"

You must never make fun of insanity," Rose once reproved ber brother. "It's worse than death." "A distance measured in silence" grew up between the siblings, and the estrangement precipitated the tragedy to come. Cornelius objected to the expense of private treatment. and threatened to put Rose in knew that Rose's reality was the State Asylum. Tennessee found it all impossible to deal with: "We have had not deaths in our family but slowly by degrees something was happening much nglier and more terrible than death." "A pity the Church hasn't a place for girls like Rose," wrote her mother. Tennessee's diary was witness to the irrevocable: "R. makes the house tragic, haunted. Must

credible horror to face." In the State Hospital in Farmington, "Dementia Precox (Schizophrenic) Mixed Type, Paranoid Predominating" was diagnosed, and insulin shock and Metrazol therapy prescribed. After six years of hopeless treatment, in 1943, Rose was given a bilateral prefrontal Tennessee Williams Williams, her husband

be put away, I suppose. An in-

self-confidence, and her failure mother. it was a traumatic having given up on Rose Ten-to stick at secretarial jobs was turning-point: "I hate the sight nessee's only comment was a journal entry in blank verse:

Grand, God be with you. A chord breaking. 1000 miles away. Rose, Her head cut open. knife thrust in her brain. Me. Here, Smoking. My father, mean as a devil, snoring - 1000 miles

Tennessee had last seen his sister in 1939, "her talk was so obscene - she laughed and talked cootinual obscenities". Post-lobotomy, be found her "possessed of an unbridled imagination, and from then on it would bid them ..." His own obsession with mental illness re mained with him as Suddenly Last Summer (1958), its heroine also facing insanity, bears witness; as Leverich writes. He never far removed from his

Tennessee's success with A Streetcar Named Desire in 1947 allowed him to finance his sister's private care, and up until his death (he choked on a bottle cap) in 1983. Tennessee continued to pay for her apkeep, whilst intermittently hlaming his mother (who died aged 94 in 1979) for having allowed the operation. Williams's estate was left to the University of the South in Sewance. Tennessee, with the hulk remaining in trust for his sister during her lifetime. With her death, the university will receive \$7m.

Rose Isabel Williams: born Gulfport, Mississippi 19 November 1909; died Tarrytown, New York 5 September 1996.

Bill Moyce

Bill Moyce was an important member of the team that built and tested Britain's first atomic bombs in the late 1940s and early 1950s and he remained at Aldermaston in a variety of senior positions all his career. He was a versatile scientist and an able manager, but he was perhaps most notable for his unflappability and for his goodhumour, qualities tested to the limit in those early atomic days.

In 1952, for example, it was Moyce who was chosen to fly out to Australia with the plutonium core which was to be used in the first British nuclear test. This was without doubt the most valuable object in the country-Sellafield and Aldermaston had been built to make it - and there was natural concern about its safe-keeping. Moyce was told that if during the flight out it looked as though the RAF plane was go-ing to crash, he was to clutch the container in his arms, bail out and descend by parachute. It was fortunate that this proved unnecessary, for, as he recalled later, he had never made a parachute jump and it was his first flight in an aeroplane. He was also very doubtful about his ability to hold on to it at the moment the parachute opened.

William Moyce was born in Brockley, south-east London, in 1913. His father, a Fleet Street printer, taught him to set type, but he had other ambitions. From grammar school he won a scholarship to Downing College, Cambridge, graduating in Natural Sciences in 1934. A year later he landed his first job, at Woolwich Arsenal, and he was to spend his entire career in armaments science.

He spent the war in the Potteries, at an outstation of Woolwich devoted to improving the performance of small arms, and it was there, in late 1946 or early 1947, that he caught the eye of William Penney, the father of the British bomb. It is a measure of Penney's shrewdness that he saw Moyce's gemuine talent behind his rather lugubrious manner and his oddly drawling south London delivery.

Initially, Moyce worked at Fort Halstead, Penney's headquarters ocar Sevenoaks in Kent, oo what was called the "pbenomenology" of nuclear weapons, that is, studying the processes that took place in the course of the explosion. As the pressure grew to make the

atomic bomh, however, he was transferred to more applied work and given the job of designing and supervising criticality experiments. An atomic bomb works by combining two pieces of plutonium which, while separate, will not explode, but when forced together violently achieve the "critical mass". The margins are tight, and it was Moyce's task to see that they were observed.

Anbrey Thomas, a junior member of Moyce's team who also died recently, told me: Moyce was trained as a physical chemist, and at first he didn't know the difference between a neutron and a little black ball. But in 18 months he



knew so much that he was arguing, on visits to Harwell, with some of the leading physicists in the country. He bad a childlike mind; so clear, always asking the awkward question. He could span all science without apparent effort."

In September 1952, at Aldermaston, the first bemispheres of the plutonium core of the bomb were cast, and Moyce and his men speot a tense 20 hours verifying that they could be combined without risk of a premature explo-sion. They had constructed a giant rig, ringed with neutron counters, which brought the two halves close together, millimetre by millimetre, until they touched. The counters were there to give warning of premature criticality, although if there had been a genuine accident any warning would almost certainly have come too late and some or all of those present would have died.

There were no accidents: the core was safe, and Moyce took it to Australia: The bomb was placed in a re-

dundant frigate, HMS Plym. and, early in the morning of 2 October, Moyce supervised the loading of the core into the huge high-explosive jacket - a great hall almost five feet across whose job was to crush the plutonium and precipitate the explosion. Again, this was a millimetre-by-millimetre job with counters clicking away all the time. Eddie Howse, a colleague, has recalled pacing up outside the bomb room listening to Moyce's voice from with-in saying: "Slow . . . slow . . .

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The test, called Operation Hurricane, was a success, and Moyce's future in the nuclear weapons business was assured. Like many of that first generation - now sadly dwindling in oumbers - be remained at Aldermaston for the rest of his career, playing a part in all the great projects: the H-bomb, Polaris, WE-177, Chevaline. For much of this time he was in charge of the explosives division, which supplied the cooven-tional explosive element for warheads. This was an exacting field, given the cootinuous demand for smaller, lighter and more efficient weapons.

Moyce's tasks were by now largely managerial, but be oev-er lost his scientific insight or his knack of asking the penetrating question. Pat Cachia, wbo worked for him in explosives, recalls: "He was a free-thinking scientist. Without getting too involved in detail, he made contributions in every area which

were fundamental and deep." Moyce finished his career in 1973 as bead of safety at Al-dermaston. He was a tall man with big ears and a slightly gloomy air, an appearance which proved a great comple-ment to his comic gifts. He was the joker of the team, with a dry Loodon wit and the gift of telling a story. In retirement he devoted himself to gardening. He is survived by his wife Barhara, whom be married at the time he joined the bomb project in 1947, and his soo John, who was born within a week of the 1952 Hurricaoe test.

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William Moyce, nuclear weapons scientist: born 12 October 1913; OBE 1963; married 1947 Barbara Manson Campbell (one son); died Newbury 6 September 1996.

Admiral José Merino

Admiral José Merino was the strongman's strongman. While General Augusto Pinochet was the stern face of repression familiar to the world for 17 years of military rule in Chile, the lesser-known admiral was the unbending backbooe of its junta all those traumatic years.

Merino was the prime mover in the coup that ousted the world's first democratically elected Marxist president, Salvador Allende, in 1973. Though only second in command of the navy, he undermined his commander-in-chief, Admiral Montero, who was inclined to continue support for Allende and his Popular Unity Party. Merino would have none of it. He despatched a note to the army and air force commanders, Geograls Pinochet and Leigh, urging them to act. They did so with force, bombarding the presideotial palace. Allende was killed, along with thousands of other Chileans, Many more were to die subsequently at the hands of the regime, kidnapped, tortured and disappeared, adding a new word to state

terrorism -the "Desaparecidos".

It was a mirror image of the neighbouring Argentina's Dirty War, if not on such a huge scale, though 'Chile's junta lasted longer and was more vilified internationally, coming in for particularly severe condemnation from the British Labour Party, whose senior members had been personal friends of Allende. As in Argentina, the navy under Merino were every bit as ruthless as their publicly more

predominant army partners. Merino took over command of the navy as Pinochet ruled with an iron hand, brooking no opposition. The army chief systematically disposed of his op-ponents. While General Leigh was ousted from the three-man iunta in 1978, it was testimony to Merino's influence and power that he remained to the end.

leaving office only when Pinothet reluctantly handed government back to civilian rule in 1990. Throughout, Merino was Pinochet's confidant and potent partner, every bit as authoritarian as his master and deeply distrustful of politicians. He regarded Allende's party as a tool of Communist expansion in Latin America as did the then United States government, which was implicated through

the CIA in efforts to undermine Allende's government. Surprisingly to the outside world, the military government was not as universally detested within Chile as it was abroad. Many middle-class Chileans praised the junta for restoring order on the streets, ending the anarchy of the last days of the Allende regime and pursuing what appeared to be pragmat-ic monetarist policies in a new free market economy. Merino went along with this to some extent, but when Pinochet embarked upon a policy of privatisation, targeting Chile's ports, Merino stepped in and declared that he must remain in charge of these important installations

on Chile's very long and vul-nerable coastline. He got his way. Like many of Latin America's military rulers, Merino was a deeply conservative Roman Catholic, publicly expressing his ethos of "the Flag, Church and Family". Yet it was the Catholic Church and its courageous clergy which led the fight against human rights violations. It was oot an unusual sight to see Merino and other military leaders praying in church, while a few blocks away their oppo-nents were being tortured and killed, a graphic example of the double standards of Merino and his fellow senior officers. After 10 years, cracks began



ernment posts. While Merino and Pinochet hlamed much of Chile's troubles and its bad image abroad on an international Communist conspiracy master-minded from Moscow, the most effective challenge to their authoritarian rule came from the more moderate political groups within the country itself and eveo from some sections of the armed forces.

While the austere Pinochet insisted on remaining army chief. Merino went into retirement in the naval port city of Valparaiso. playing golf and secure in the knowledge that there could be no punishment of the military for human rights violations. Pioochet had secured an amnesty providing them with immunity from prosecution.

Merino bad been horn into а naval family and speot some time in England, first as a boy wheo his father was Chilean naval attaché in France, and theo later in Loodon as his country's assistant oaval attaché in 1956 and 1957.

Harold Briley

José Toribio Merino Castro. naval officer: born 14 December 1915; member, Chilean Gov-ernment Junia 1973-90; maried 1952 Margarita Riofrío Bustos (three daughters); died Valparaiso 31 August 1996.

Dr Bernard Reiss tirement in 1990. He was, to-

Bernard Reiss was prominent among the doctors who trans-formed general practice after the Secood World War, by introducing vocational training for prospective GPs and piooeering communicatioo

Medicine had previously been hierarchical and, although tbere have always been humane doctors, in most cases treatment was prescriptive in both senses of the word: with the bottle of coloured medicine. the patient was told what to do. Reiss realised that the spirit of the times had changed.

He came from a long line of Liberal, and later Fabian, active altruists - his father was the founder of both Welwyn Garden City and Hampstead Garden Suburb - and, from both nature and nurture, he had the ideal background for the new style of GP. Intelligent, warm, modest, bumane, and wise, he had rejected all

forms of privilege long before it was fashionable; he broke the family tradition of going to Balliol College, Oxford, be-cause he thought that Bart's in London would be more like real life, and he did not regret that Uotil the 1950s, going into

geoeral practice was regarded as a last resort. It hadn't the prestige it eojoys today and most doctors wanted to specialise. While we students lazed away the vacations, Reiss would go and work for nothing in the Peckham Health Centre, that cradle of the NHS, and he took a higher degree, Membership of the Royal College of Physicians, hecause he wanted to go into general practice well prepared. This was almost unique at that time, and that sort of phi-losophy was partly responsible for the resurgence of general

Reiss was a GP in Cambridge from 1959 until his re-

gether with Ian Tate, a like-minded GP in Aldeburgh, the first Regional Adviser in General Practice for East Anglia. Reiss played a key role in the foundation of the Clinical School at Cambridge University in 1976, and he became the first Director of GP Studies there. He was one of the first to think of geoeral practice as a speciality, and pioneered the use of general practice as a setting in which to teach medicine

to clinical students. Bernard Reiss's diffidence and slowness of speech concealed a rock-hard integrity and high-mindedness covering all aspects of his life. At the Suez crisis in 1956, he was on the RAF reserve and told me that he hoped to be called up, so that he could refuse and go to orison.

I once stood in a queue next. to Lord Platt, the former President of the Royal College of Physicians. I said to him. "Your main claim to fame. Sir. is that you've got the finest General Practitioner in the country." He almost burst with enthusiasm and agreed; be said that Reiss would listen patiently to his erroneous self-diagnosis, ques-tion bim, examine him and disagree. He did all this respectfully but firmly. Platt said that, if the positions had been reversed, he couldn't have done it half as well. Reiss's wife Margaret was a

social worker and they shared a vision of healthcare - giving and teaching. It saddened them to see the changes in the NHS which made it less personal and more money-minded. Bernard Reiss was right-

eous but never self-righteous, open-hearted, invariably unhurried and geotle, lovable and loving. No wrong thought ever ventured anywhere near

David Mendel

Bernard Butts Reiss, medical practitioner born Websyn Garden City 8 December 1925; General Practitioner 1959-90; Director of General Practice Studies, Cambridge University 1976-90; Life Fellow, Hughes Hall 1981-96; OBE 1981; married 1958 Margaret Boak (two sons, one daughter, and one son deceased); died Cambridge 2 August 1996.

Reiss: open-hearted

BIRTHS

COOKE: On 4 September 1996, to Kim (née Hatchings) and Justin, a son, Sebastian Thomas Labatt, a brother for Frederica and Benedict.

FLEMING: On 6 September, at the Royal Free, Hampstead, to Mireille (née Douerin) and Peter, a daughter, Solène.

DEATHS MATTHEWS: Roger Charles, passed away at home on to September. Much-loved husband of Slaisopin (Toffee), father of Amber and Zoc. tionee), inner of Amber and Abe, son of Audrey and Geoffrey, and brother of Elizabeth Funeral service for family and close friends will be held at Chichester Crematorium at 12pm on Monday 16 September. The date for thanksgiving service will be announced at a later date. No flow-

Births, Marriages & Deaths

ers picase, but if wished, donations to the Macmillan Service, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 OBL.

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SPROXTON: Vernon, on 9 September 1996, at Timstall, North Yorkshire, husband of Margaret and father to Ruth, Duvid and the late Andrew. Funeral, 2-30pm, Monday to September, at the United Reformed Church, Northeate, Darlington, followed by private interment at St. Hoys Farish Church, Great Smeaton, No flowers, donations to charity.

Birthdays

Miss Maria Aitken, acress and stage director, 51; Sir Lindsay Alexander. former deputy chairman, Lloyds Bank, 76; Mr Nicholas Barter, Prin-cipal, RADA, 56; Miss Chili Bouch-ier, actress, 87; Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochicl, chief of the clan, 86; Mr Alan Catheart, chairman, Avis Europe, 53; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Compston, 81; Miss Linda Gray, actress, 55; Mr Wesley Hall, cricketer and politician, 59; Miss Han Suyin, doctor and author, 79; Mr Ian Holm, actor, 65: Mr Gerald Howarth MP, 49; Mr Freddie Jones, actor, 69; Mr Donal Lenihan, rugby player, 37; Lord Milner of Leeds, solicitor and politician, 73; Mr Patrick Mower, acformer Bishop of Edmonton, 39; Sir Arthur Sugden, former chief executive, CWS, 78; Sir Gervas Walker, former chairman, Avon County Council 76: Mr Max Walker, cricketer, 48; Miss Rachel Ward, actress, 39; Professor George Zarnecki, art histori-

Anniversaries Births: Francis I. King of France, 1494: Sir William Dugdale, herald and antiquary, 1605; Richard Jordan Galling, inventor (of the Garling gm), 1818; Herbert Henry Asquith, first Earl of Oxford and Asquith. statesman, 1852; Frederick Louis MacNeice, poet and broadcaster, 1907; John Cleveland (Jesse) Owens.

athlete, 1913. Deaths: Dr Peter Mark Roget, lexicographer, 1869; Rupert D'Oyly Carte, operatic impresario, 1948; Anthony Perkins, actor, 1992; Raymond William Stary Burt, actor, 1993. On this day: Eton College re-ceived its first charter, 1440; the Hudson river was discovered by Henry Hudson, 1609; Drogheda was sacked by Oliver Cromwell, 1649; the obelish of Thothmes III ("Cloopstra's Needic ") was exected on the Thames Emhankment, London, 1878; the world's first policewoman, Mrs Alice Stebhins Wells, was appointed in the Los Angeles Police Department, 1910; the

Lascaux Caves, France, containing ex-

amples of Cro-Magnon man's art, were discovered, 1940; Benito Mus-

solini, imprisoned by the Allies, was

rescued by the Germans, 1943; Nikita Khrushchev became first secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, 1953. Today is the Feast Day of St Ailbhe, St Eanswida and St Guy of Anderlecht.

Lectures

National Gallery: Mari Griffith, "Akean (ii): Vuilland, Two Girls Wolking", lom. Victoria and Albert Museus Deirdre Robson, "Art Deco".

2.30pm Tate Gallery: Justine Hopkins, "What is Truth? Changing Views of Nature from the 19th to the 20th Century

British Museum: Stephen Duffy, "Impressionist Drawings: innova-tion and tradition", 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery: Margaret Binnie, "Exposed and Descried Young Children: the history of the foundling hospital and its role in the renaissance of Billish art", 1.10pm,

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regime made concessions in

response to growing dissent, al-

lowing civilians into senior gov-

Luncheons

Canada-UK Chamber of Commerce Mr Michael Harris, Premier of Ontario, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon held yesterday by the Canada UK Chamber of nuncree, at the Four Seasons Hotel, London NW1. Mr Michael Chapman, President of the Chamber,

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS ROYAL ENCAGEMENTS
The Princess Royal attends the University of Bath's International Colloquium on Sport and Higher Education into the 21st Century at the Guidhall, Bath, Somersen as Patron, Institute of Logistics, presents the National Awards at the 1996 Amards Awards Ceremony and Dinner, Royal Lancaster Hotel, London W2. Princess Alexanders opens the new conference lacities at Auckland Castle, Bishop Americand, County Durham.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavairy Mounted Regi-ment mounts the Oueca's Life Guard at Horse Chards, I fam.

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CITY & BUSINESS EDITOR: JEREMY WARNER Deutsche foots bill for Morgan bonus bonanza

Investment: Sea change looms for Coats

JILL TREAMOR and ELISABETH KLEIN

Deutsche Bank, the German giant behind three troubled Morgan Grenfell Asset Managment funds, is expected to pay millions of pounds of bonuses to fund managers in spite of the enormous losses revealed last

The bonuses will be paid to help Morgan Grenfell Asset Management retain its highlyregarded fund management team and improve morale, which has taken a severe knock after three top-performing funds were suspended last week as a result of the activities of Peter Young, the fund manager at the centre of investigations.

A senior official in Frankfurt made clear that there was no intentioo of cancelling bonuses because of the losses run up hy Mr Young, which have forced Deutsche to mject £180m so far.

"Before we can say anything precise about the extent to which bonuses will be affected, we have to know how big the damage is, Helimut Hartings after it collapsed, was forced to honour bornispromis-Bank, said in Frankfurt.

"But I don't believe that even if there will be a poorer per-formance of the funds it will influence the boouses to a hig the poor relative to bond, forextent. Our advantage is that a financially strong parent stands behind this unfortunate incihas dooe quite a lot of damage to our image." he added to our image," he added.

This emerged as Deutsche and fund managers who are suc-Bank committed itself to further protecting the funds by promising to buy units in the two trusts affected - European Growth affected – European Growth
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Mr Young, manager of European Capital Growth and European Growth, was suspended last week after regulators uncovered a maze of Luxembourg-registered shell companies which he appears to have used to hide his exposure to risky histoch stocks.

It is believed that fund managers at Morgan Grenfell Asset Management are paid bonuses around February or March on the basis of the entire group's performance hut with an additional discretionary award based on their own performance.

Bonuses are crucial in the City, where basic salaries, already substantial, can be at least doubled by the yearly bonus round. Last year ING, the es to keep key teams together. A sudden loss of staff can even jeopardise the stability of firms.

Fund managers, traditionally eign exchange and derivative traders, can still expect bonuses of at least 70 per cent of their

"Performance is important



Set for an autumn flotation: Robert Peel (far right), chief executive of Thistle Hotels

TOM STEVENSON

Thistle Hotels took its cue from the recent postponement of Lonrho's hotel division spin-off and steered a cautious line on the pricing of its forthcoming flotation yesterday. Robert Peel, chief executive, restated his confidence that there would be plenty of demand, but the valuation range he unveiled was below more optimistic expecta-

rate of redemption had contintions earlier in the summer. ued to slow down significantly Although the company has and "there is currently sufficient never commented officially on liquidity in each of the three inwhat it hoped to raise, the market expected had been led to exvestment fuods to meet redemption demands," pect a market value on flotation Comment, page 21 of up to £1.5bn. The expected

Thistle cautious over float price

offer price of between 170p and 210p would value the four-star chain betweeo £1.05bn and

£1,24bn, One banker involved in the flotation said he was relieved by the pricing. He added that at anything over £1.2bn, the issue would become increasingly less attractive. There has been a steady stream of hotel company flotations this year and some in the City are beginning to worry

that investor appetite may be on the wane.

Unveiling a forecast of at least £100m in operating profits for the current year compared with the £89.3m achieved in 1995 and the £60,4m and £74.3m of the previous two years. Mr Peel insisted that Thistle represented a unique, focused investment in the UK hotel industry and ofPhotograph: Andrew Buurman

it is the biggest hotelier ahead of Granada. Had the shares been listed for the whole of the current year, the company said, a total dividend

of 3.7p per share would have been paid giving a gross yield of between 2.2 and 2.7 per cent. Thistle also confirmed yes-terday that Brierley lovest-ments, which owns 70 per cent of the shares, would be reducing its stake by selling 17 per cent of its existing holding. Two iovestment arms of the Singapore government, which own the rest of the shares, would be selling a similar proportioo.

Share applications by private fered a strong exposure to the booming London market, where medianies by 27 September. investors must be with inter-

Ofgas likely to phase in suppliers

CHRIS GODSMARK

Ofgas, the Gas industry watchdog, yesterday gave its clearest signal yet that it would phase in the move towards full competition for domestic customers. instead of throwing the market open in one move in the spring of 1998.

The news raised the possibility of delays for some of the more than 16 million affected households, which might not be able to shop around for alternative gas supplies to British Gas until the end of 1998 at least.

"When you come to look at natioowide competition you can't do it overnight. You'll have to phase it in then," said

an Ofgas spokesman.

"One of the things we're looking at is phasing it over a period of time, It doesn't make sense to do it in one big hang," he said.

The spokesman said a timetable had not been decided. However, independent gas suppliers who compete with British Gas suggested full-scale competition might start at the beginning of 1998 and continue for several months.

Mark Petterson, the managing director of Total Gas Marketing, a joint venture between the French oil giant and Lon-don Electricity, said: "We've got to look to the right solution, if TransCo can't cope for 16 million people potentially switch-ing from British Gas in one day. Nobody is looking for a delay apart from British Gas,"

The news increases the pres sure oo the electricity industry to adopt a similar, phased approach to domestic competition for power supplies, planned to take place in ooe go in April 1998.

Ofgas yesterday confirmed up to £1.2bn off the Grid's revenues in four years.

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holds in Dorset and the former county of Avon will be able to choose their supplier from 13 January, with up to a further 1 million customers in Kent and East and West Sussex added on 7 February. The process had been expected to happen in April 1997.

In the first trial area, in the South-west, 500,000 homes have had a choice of gas company for more than four months. So far about 70,000 have switched from British Gas.

The decisioo to phase in the second stage of competitioo was welcomed by the Gas Consumers' Council yesterday. Some customers io the South-west had complained after British Gas accidentally debited hundreds of pounds from their bank accounts when they switched to alternative

£613m payout to shareholders

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Reuters, the financial information giant, yesterday launched an innovative plan to pay out £613m of its £850m cash pile to shareholders over three years.

The huyback, which will reduce the oumber of ordinary shares oustanding by 5 per cent, takes the form of a bonus issue of new special dividend shares, paying 750p each over three years. This is worth about 37.5p per existing Reuters share. The complicated structure was linked to tax minimalisation, Reuters insiders said vesterday.

Registered shareholders on 8 October will be entitled to one new share and 19 new ordinary shares for every 20 shares they hold. The cashback scheme will require the approval of shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting scheduled for 9 October.

The extent of the move surprised analysts, who had been signalling a share repurchase worth perhaps £300m. The shares jumped 14p yesterday to

close at 764p.

Reuters last rewarded investors in 1993 through a controversial share repurchase scheme that put £324m into the pockets of shareholders. Tax-exempt institutions were able to claim tax credits, at a considerable cost to the Inland Rev-

Robert Rowley, finance director, said the new scheme was created once it became clear that the Inland Revenue would not allow a repeat of the 1993 buyback. "We had to go back and rethink the issue," he said.

He added that the approach. while complicated, was neces-sary if all shareholders, including US residents, were to be

treated equally.
The Inland Revenue has oot pre-approved the scheme, and indeed is reserving the right to apply anti-avoidance measures if it believes the dividend qualifies as "abnormal". However, tax specialists consulted by Reuters said shareholders ought to be able to show they hold the special dividend shares for bona fide commercial reasons and not largely in order to

obtain a tax advantage. Spinning cash back to shareholders has become popular in the US and the UK, and has led both tax jurisdictions to tighteo the rules. Mr Rowley said it was much easier to reward shareholders in this way than to "continually answer questions from shareholders and analysts about what we were going to do

with the money". Reuters has been acquisitive in recent years, and its huge cash position - £850m and no debt -made it a favourite candidate for launching a mega-bid. But the company has routinely said it would not acquire companies outside its main areas of com-

Key to Reuters phenomenal growth has been its core financial information products, most recently the series 3000 display screens for the use of financial professionals. It dominates the market for foreign exchange information, and has seen off competitors such as Bloomberg. It is also poised to take advantage of growing interest in emerging markets.

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Reuters to make Grid investors protest at new price regime

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

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as real entrepreneurs, who take

a higher risk in order to make

a higher profit."
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Udo Behrenwald, head of

DWS, its German fund man-

agement arm, to London to help

unravel Mr Young's trading positions and establish why he managed to hide his actions

from his managers.

The bank does not intend to send any other German officials

to sort out its flagship British

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will probably take a couple of weeks. We are still busy finding

out what has actually hap-pened."Mr Hartmann said.

Morgan Grenfell said that the

"The examination of the pro-

Investors holding up to a third of the shares in the National Grid have written to the electricity regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild, to protest at proposed tough new price controls.

Some leading fund managers have urged the Grid to take the dispute to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission if Offer, the watchdog, refuses to water down the four-year price regime when the final formula is unveiled, possibly later this month. One of the Grid's main shareholders said: "I have absolutely no doubt they should go to the MMC. I think they've got

a very strong case."

National Grid, which operates the high-voltage electricity transmission network, had appealed to investors to write to the regulator, in the same way as British Gas did over its row with Ofgas. Many attacked the price regime, which would slash

per cent off charges, and limit any increases in the following three years to no more than 4 perceotage points below inflation. The cuts would he worth



Row sparked: Professor Littlechild, electricity regulator

Funds, which has also written to claimed the proposals were "the Offer, said: The proposals are harshest in the eoergy sector". describing them as "inconsistent and based on ill-fouoded asclearly detrimental to shareholders. There should be a fair sumptions." The company's formal response in the consultation

> priation of exceptional efficiency gains achieved under the current price control". Offer argued that the Grid could cut its operating costs by between 4 and 6 per cent each year, after allowing for inflation. The company fiercely disputed this calculation. It said it had already reduced its costs by 37 per cent in the past three years and could only make future efficiency savings worth 2.3 per

process said the controls would

result in an immediate expro-

cent a year. Some City electricity analysts last night suggested the argumeot was shifting towards the Grid, raising the prospect of

regime, triggering an immediate MMC referral. Offer has no evidence that the Grid is mefficient," said one analyst. "But the regulator is us-

ing a price formula which suggests the company is inefficient. That is totally perverse." Another key area of dispute is over Offer's £4hn calculation of National Grid's assets, which

the company insists are worth £4.75bn, which would give shareholders a greater return. Professor Littlechild had deducted £400m from the asset base to represent the value of

Energis, the Grid's oew telecommunications operation. Yet during the Grid's flotation oo value had been attributed to the business. Another fund manager said Offer had "used the most pessimistic market value for the Grid that you could possibly come up with".

Matthew Clark chief's position 'under review'

PATRICK TOOHER

Shares in Matthew Clark, the cider maker and soft drinks group, remained in free fall yesterday as investors demanded more information, and even some management changes, following Tuesday's shock prof-

its warning.
Almost £200m, or nearly half of Clark's stock market value, has disappeared in two days of hectic trading since chief executive Peter Aikens hlamed a new breed of 'alcopops' and other alcoholic lemon drinks aimed. at younger drinkers for a slump in demand for its Diamond White and K Cider brands and

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"The further fall in the share "Clearly Mr Aikens' posi-price speaks volumes for the tion has to be under review," lack of confidence that now exists," said one leading institutional investor. "Quite how sales disappeared in two mooths stretches credibility. It is almost unprecedented for a company this size."

Last night the shares closed 75.5p lower at 355.5p, valuing the company at just over £400m. More than 9 million shares have changed hands since the profits warning compared with average daily dealings of around 400,000.

Fund managers are de-manding more details from the company before addressing the question of possible boardroom

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said ooe institution, "but we need to establish the facts before any heads roll."

Mr Aiken has used a series of rights issues to pursue an acquisitions-led strategy over the past six years, turning Clark into Britain's second-largest cider maker and a leading soft drinks producer whose hrands include Strathmore mineral water and Taunton and Gaymer's ciders.

What is puzzling analysts and investors is why this deliberate diversification policy still left the Clark group so exposed to a sudden switch during the summer from strong white cider to alcopops. The three hrands affected

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by the shift in consumption pattern account for about onefifth of Clark's profits. "There might be more to

this than just alco-pops," said a fund manager. One suggestion is that internal management targets for Taunton, the cider company bought by Mr Clark for £271m last September, had been raised to unrealistic levels on the back of booming cider sales during the long, hot summer of 1995. Mr Clark has already incurred the wrath of fund managers last

month when it emerged that Mr Aikens received a £430,000 relocation package after the company moved its headquarters to Bristol from Guildford.

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Gokal 'bribed **BCCI officers'**

The head of an international shipping and trading empire accounts that Mr Gokal conplotted with senior officials of trolled, the prosecution alleged. the collapsed Bank of Credit and Commerce International to syphoo off millions of pounds. leading to its collapse and a disaster for its depositors, the Old

Bailey heard yesterday.

Abbas Gokal, 60, and his two brothers had run up a \$1.2bn (£770m) debt to the bank when it folded in July 1991, said Anthony Hacking QC, prosecuting.

Mr Gokal had operated a

massive swindle involving corrupt officials, secret global bank accounts, vast numbers of fake documents and other people's money to fund a lavish lifestyle. A false document factory

was set up in BCCI's City of Loodon headquarters in Leadenhall Street to feed the fraud. the court heard.

A sham financial structure was created "which was used as a screen to deceive the outside world as to what was really going on between him and BCCF,

Mr Hacking told the court. Mr Gokal, 60, has denied conspiracy to defraud and conspiracy to account falsely heween 1985 and 1991.

He ran a collection of companies from Geneva and London called the Gulf Group. according to the prosecution. Bribes were paid to three of the BCCI officers involved in

Documents signed by him were found by the Serious Fraud Office in a safe deposit box in the City of London which showed that he and his two brothers owned and controlled the companies involved

in the frauds", said Mr Hack-

ing.
They show that he and his two brothers incurred \$1.2bn of debt owed to BCC1. There was no real security. BCCI had not got any real security in this extraordinary situation. This was a major factor leading to the closing and collapse of BCCI. We say the Gulf Group and Gokal himself had a dishonest

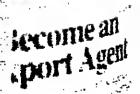
relationship with senior officials of BCCI going back to the Seventies. Within that relationship, Gokal and the Gulf Group secretly received millions upon millions of dollars from BCCI in the Eighties," said Mr Hack-

After the collapse, most of the conspirators went to Pakistan where they were safe because there was no extradition treaty with Britain, the court heard, Mr Gokal also went, but in

December 1994 caught a plane travelling from Pakistan to the United States which put down in Frankfurt to refuel. Mr Gokal was arrested and extradited to Britain. The trial is expected to last six months.







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Prudential, the UK's largest insurer, yesterday said its plans for a telephone bank offering both mortgages and savings products were on target for a launch date of 1 October.

Peter Davis, group chief ex-ecutive at the Pru, said the bank's services would be aimed. primarily at the company's existing customers.
"We are planning to have a

range of mortgages available, as well as several deposit accounts, but because of competitive much until the end of the

The £33m development costs of the Pru's new banking arm. helped dent the insurer's halfyear profits, which still reached a record high of £421m, up from £390m in the first six months of last year. Mr Davis said- The first half of 1996 has been a productive period for [us]. We have made significant progress

in shaping the company to en-Among the company's growth areas, seen as key to its

its of £203m, 2 per cent up on . last year, excluding the bank setup charges.

Sales of single premium products rose by 50 per cent to £1.577bn, while regular premi-um contribution sales reached

£157m, up by 15 per cent. Industry analysts have tradi-nomally seen single premium in-come as less significant for msurers because they are ca-

pable of fluctuating heavily. However, Mr Davis said:

view is that this is what customers want now.

"What they are doing has a solid underlying sense. They do not want to take on long-term commitments but prefer to make a single contribution when they have the resources.

"When they feel they have the resources they will come back again. We are quite happy with hat approach.

Mercantile & General, the reinsurer which the Pru recently announced it was selling

pressures we cannot say too medium-term development some were sceptical. But we do to Swiss Re for £1.75m, constrategy, the UK delivered prof- not think that is the case. Our tributed £90m to group profits in the first six months of the

> Despite this contribution, Mr Davis restated his view that there were "no significant operational and strategic synergies hetween M&G and our other

husinesses" The sale of M&G, together with a much smaller Dutch op-eration, Prudential Leven, gives the Pru a £1.8bn war chest to

fund future acquisitions. Mr Davis said the company wanted in buy a mortgage

but he refused to be drawn on which building society, if any, the Prudential was talking to

We are interested in buying a building society but for its branch network and its customer base rather than its mortgage book," he said, adding that the priority at present was for the Pru to complete its disposal of Mercantile & General.

Profits at Jackson National, the Pru's US arm, rose 30 per cent to £153m, contributing more than a third to the insurer's overall returns.

A sea change looming for Coats

Take a company operating in mature, cut-throat markets, subject to hugely volatile raw material prices, and you have a pretty accurate picture of Coats Viyella's struggle over recent years. It is, therefore, hardly surprising that the shares have underperformed the rest of the market by more than 40 per cent over the past five years. Like most nf the rest of the UK textile industry, Coats has been tardy at addressing the threat from overseas competition. But the group has been spurred into action by the looming demise in 2005 of the multi-fibre agreement, the textiles trade treaty that has protected high-

cost Western producers. A £55m restructuring will see a fur-ther massive transfer of Coats' production from the developed to the developing world. By 2000, about 40 per cent of its clothing sales to Marks & Spencer - worth about £300m - will be coming from abroad, up from 20 per cent now. While that will deliver cost savings, Coats will still have to run to stand still, as yesterday's half-year fig-

ures to June showed. The 34 per cent slide in headline pretax profits to £47m was heavily impacted by the £17.2m cost of the first phase of the restructuring taken in the first half. But even withnut that, operating profits still slumped by a disappointing 11 per cent to £78m. Yet again, the group has failed to fire on all cylinders, with Brazil and Turkey turning down again after last year's continued strong recovery from previous problems. Together they accounted for £5m nf the £8.5m downturn in preexceptional profits to £48.6m in the thread division, which accounts for

close in half the group's husiness. Even so, how Coats addresses its difficulties in developed markets will be more important for its future. This year's profits will bear the full restructuring cost of £55m, including £32m to be spent in the European thread operations. Cost savines should rise from £10m this year to £35m by 1998, but Coats admits that competitinn will mean that only £20m to

£25m actually hits the bottom line. Short-term, the prospects are looking up, led by the US and UK. Profits were 16 per cent ahead across the Atlantic, while in the UK there are clear signs of an end to the destocking and gloomy housing markets. With raw ma-terial prices returning to more normal levels, the £5m hit nn costs in the first half should reverse into a second-half gain of £10m.

'Clean" profits before exceptinnals nf £158m this year would put the shares, up 3.5p at 164p, on a intward multiple of 12, assuming a 31 per cent EDITED BY TOM STEVENSON

tax. With the consumer recovery picking up next year, 1997 should be better for Coats - but given the unappealing background, the real at-traction is the 6.7 per cent yield.

New enthusiasm for Kingfisher

It was only 18 months ago that most of the City was writing Kingfisher off as a basket case, a collection of second-line high street brands with serious question marks over its management capabilities. Since then, the shares have appreciated by about 60 per cent and yesterday analysts were upgrading their forecasts

for the next two years.

Their renewed enthusiasm for the Woolworths, Superdrug and Comet, was underpinned by a sparkling set of profits for the six months to August that showed good growth in all its chains, even

cent to £109.6m, above almost everyone's expectations, earnings per share of 11.7p were 43 per cent higher, and shareholders were rewarded with an 11

per cent dividend hike from 4.5p to 5p. B&Q, which overtook Darty in the period to be the higgest profits con-tributor with £47m (£31.8m), enjoyed a resurgence of interest in DIY from much more buoyant consumers. Good like-for-like growth was boosted by refits of the smaller supercentre stores and a focus on product availability.

Attention in merchandise also helped Woolworths, which never makes much of a profit in the relatively unimportant first half but still managed an impressive turnaround from last year's £900,000 loss to a £4.6m profit. Comet has started to claw back some of the ground it has lost to Dixons in recent years and Superdrug's repositioning as a health and beauty shop rather than a discount toiletries out-

let seems finally to be paying nff.
The important question is how much showed good growth in all its chains, even the Darty electricals shops in France.

After a 10 per cent rise in sales in above their 400p low at the beginning f2.5bn, profits before tax jumped 47 per

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN in the year to next January and £415m next year, they stand on a prospective

next year, they stand on a prospective ple ratio of 17, falling to 15.

That represents a small discount to the sector, which seems a little harsh. given hetter-than-average growth prospects, rising consumer spending and a good toe-hald in Europe, the battleground which, in the lunger term, will sort out retailing's winners and losers. Fair value.

ABP seeks port in a storm

Sir Keith Stuart, chairman of Associated British Ports, yesterday gave plenty of reasons Labour should not extend its proposed windfall tax on pri-vatised utilities in the operator of 22 UK ports, including Southampton, Hull and Cardiff. Goldman Sachs recently included ABP in a list of potential victims of the proposed tax.

Sir Keith, formerly a non-executive chamman of Seeboard, was adamant that ABP was neither a utility nor a monopoly. He claimed, rightly, that the company faces competition at home and abroad, where many ports are sub-sidised, and has to invest heavily to re-

main competitive.

The other reason the tax would be inappropriate was not dwelt on at any great length by Sir Keith - the interim results provided no evidence ABP is making the "excessive profits" Labour might be keen to plunder. The adverse share price reaction to news of a lower-than-expected 8 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits in £46.9m, suggested many in the City think ABP s not making nearly enough.

While investors who bought into ABP at privatisation in the Eighties have hit the jackpot, the shares have hovered around the 300p mark for almost three years.

Today cash-generative, ABP is concentrating on the less ambitious strategy of growing existing port operations rather than chasing acquisitions. Some £65m is being spent on developing contracts with ABP re-negotiated.

Independent may boost stake abroad

• The prospect of an increase in US interest rates later this month

sent US Treasury bonds lower yesterday but helped the dollar past the ¥110 level for the first time since mid-July and briefly

tise above DM1.51. Janet Yellen, a Federal Reserve governor, said the economy looked vulnerable to inflation. The Fed's "Beige

Book" summary of the economy said inflation indicators were

Trmity International Holdings, the regional newspaper pub-

lisher, announced sharply higher pre-tax profits of £23.8m. a rise of 79 per cent, reflecting for the first time its acquisition of Thom-

son's non-Scottish regional titles in January. Turnover doubled

inconclusive but there were upward pressures on wages.

MATHEW HORSMAN

Independent Newspapers, the media company controlled by Dr Tony O'Reilly, could move stake in its Australian and New Zealand associate companies, using the proceeds of a previously announced Ir£106m rights

The option was under active consideration, Brendan Hopkins, managing director, said yes-

terday, commenting on the company's interim profits. Independent could also bid for the 47 regional newspaper titles being sold by United News & Media, Lord Hollick's print and television media company.

The acquisitive mood was struck as half-year pre-tax profits improved by 28 per cent to IrE26m, buoyed by record prof-its and circulation gains at the company's core Irish titles. The

last month by United News & Media.

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per cent to 2.3p, and the shares
rose 5p to 307.5p.

Overseas, the results were
particularly strong in South
Africa and Anstralia, where Independent owns a stake in Australian Provincial Newspapers and ARN, the radio network.

Mr Hopkins said that mod-Mr Hopkins said that moderating newsprint prices, as well as a buoyant advertising market in the UK, helped reduce losses at Newspaper Publishing, in which Independent has a 46 per cent stake. Newspaper Publishing owns the Independent and the Independent on Sunday, and saw operating losses decline in the first six months of the year

to £7m, from £12.6m last time. The company intends to pur-sue new television and radin licences in South Africa, But Mr Hopkins ruled out investments in the UK commercial radin sector.

Buoyant. Mirror set to expand

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Mirror Group yesterday vowed to expand further in media businesses, including newspapers and television, as it reported interim pre-tax profits, before exceptional costs, of

£39m and improved cash flow. David Mnntgomery, chief executive, said: "Mirror Group has outperformed other newspa-per companies in absorbing a 35 per cent increase in newsprint costs. The quality of these resuits confirms Mirror Group as an efficiently run media business capable of further expansion."

He expressed regret that the group had failed to win the recent hidding war for Westminster Press, the reginnal newspaper group, but said he would look at niher newspaper acquisitions "as and when they become available".

The Westminster Press bid had been mounted in league with Independent Newspapers, Dr Tony O'Reilly's media group, and Mr Montgomery

said the two companies could work together in the future. Independent Newspapers and Mirror Group each controls 46 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, which owns the Independent and the Independent on

to £165.3m. The company is still in an acquisitive mood, having looked at Caledonian Publishing and Westminister Press this year. It is believed to be interested in the regional titles put up for sale Sunday. Mirror Group newspapers. Sunday Mirror, reported operating profits of £55.2m in the · Classic FM, the national radio station, issued a writ against first six months of 1996, with NTL, the transmission company, claiming damages of £3m. The radio station claimed NTL had not worked hard enough to change the terms of its contract with the BBC, under which NTL and margins roughly stable at 20 per cent. "That puts us at the top end of the market," Mr Mont-

gomery said. Shareholders will receive a 12.5 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 1.35p. Mirror Graup's shares closed 6.5p

higher at 207p yesterday.

Live TV, the group's cable television channel, was ahead of hudget, Mr Montgnmery said, and would be at break even by 1999. He added that independent consultants had put a value of £50m-£90m on the channel, and that the stock market was underestimating the power of the Live TV brand.

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the BBC share transmission sites. Under that contract, NTL charges third parties a per-user fee for access to BBC masts, which are also used to carry BBC's Radio 1,2,3, and 4. Classic FM, therefore, pays 50 per cent of the costs for a single service, while the Southampton alone and Sir Keith is confident that the fundamental attractions of the port will remain un-BBC pays 50 per cent for four radio services. changed even if this week's merger between P&O's and Nedlloyd's con-· Garth Riley, chief executive of Telspec, the troubled telecomtainer activities sees some existing munications equipment maker, is to step down to head the com-pany's European subsidiary. His demotion, which follows the departure of former finance director Russell Woolley earlier in the Broker SGST has left its full-year pre-tax forecast unchanged at £100m year, came as the group confirmed that it had plunged to a £6m loss in the six months to June, after profits of £4.27m last time. with the dividend seen rising a penny to 7.5p. On a forward p/e of 15, the shares, down 10p to 295p, yield only · Christie's International, the auctioneers, is raising its interim 3.2 per cent. Unexciting. dividend by 85 per cent to 1.2p after profits raced up 57 per cent tn £15.9m in the six months to June.

Hotel breaks with THE INDEPENDENT 2 nights for the price of 1

he Independent and the Independent on Sunday would like to invite you to take a hotel break and enjoy two nights for the price of one.

Simply pay for one night's bed and breakfast and you will get the next night, including breakfast, free. Prices are based on two people sharing a doubte or twin room.

All the participating hotels are members of the Minotel consortium and many will allow you tn enjoy a tonger stay on the same basis; pay for two nights and stay for four, for example. You can check this with your chosen hotel when you make your initial reservation.

There are 70 Minotel hotels participating in this offer, all of which are located in England, Iretand, Scotland and Wales. All the hotels nffer top-class comfort and pride themselves on providing a personal service that many larger establishments cannot match. This Friday in The Independent we will print a list of all the participating Minotel hotels with a brief description of each.

Pictured today is Derryhale Hotel in Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland, where a twin nr double room will cost you £80 for one night.

How to Qualify To qualify for your 2 for 1 break, you must collect three differently numbered tokens from the seven we are printing in The Independent and the Independent on Sunday and attach them to the voucher which is printed today. Then follow the booking procedure detailed on this page. Also printed today is the confirmaton booking form. You only need to fill this in if you are not paying by credit card. Today we print Token 6; Token 7 will be printed in tomorrow's Independent.



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3. Some hotels, at the proprietor's discretion, will accept the voucher for longer stays on the same basis, so you can stay for 4 nights for the price of 2 for example. Please check with your chosen hotel when making your booking.
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including breakfast, will be chargeable.

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day periods.

8. All bookings must be made no more than six weeks in advance of your proposed date of arrival.

9. Vouchers are valid from 1 October 1996 - 30

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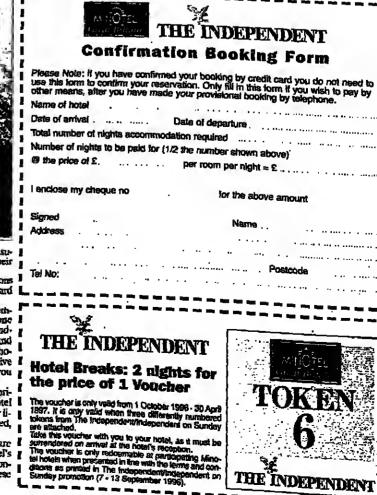
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can be confirmed over the telephone by credit card holders at most hotels.

3. Voucher holders wishing to pay by other methods can make a provisional booking by phone which the hotel will keep open for 48 hours pending receipt of the confirmation hooking form and payment which will be acknowledged by the hotel on the day it is received. If you do not receive such an acknowledgement within seven days, you are advised to contact the hotel.

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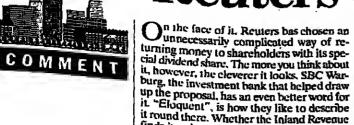


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Reuters eloquence speaks volumes to taxman



finds it quite so elever is another thing. Over the past three years the Revenue must have lost out to the tune of well over film as a result of the various wheezes the City has dreamt up to enable hig tax-exempt shareholders like pension funds to claim a tax crudit on any corporate distribution over and above ordinary dividends. First we had the off-market tender offer (Reuters ngain, that one), then the enhanced scrip dividend, then the share buy-back, or "on-market agency cross' to use the technical jargon. Now there is an even newer technology to add to the armoury, the special dividend share. All these schemes vary a little in their underlying commercial purpose, but the effect is always the same; they enable the big pension funds to claim a 20 per cent tax

eredit on all the extra money paid out. You can argue about the morality, the pros and cons, and the mechanics of this until the cows come home, but the hasic point remains the same - well over £1bn that

sions industry a rather better home for the money than the politicians, the Revenue must none the less be getting mighty pissed off. Sure, the law allows companies to do this. But you can het your hoots they wouldn't be paying out their cash on quite this scale were it not for the fact that the only loser in the process seems to be the poor old Inland Revenue. The law was surely never

designed with this eventuality in mind.

The Reuters scheme has added a new dimension to the debate. Reuters claims it would have done a share huy-back but for the fact that American securities law is incompatible with a huy-back that would allow institutions the tax benefits. So it has chosen this route, which bas the added attraction of allowing the 37.5p-a-share special distribution to be spread over three years. The other point of the special dividend share is that the extra income becomes

divorced from the company, like an annuity or a split capital trust. All very cloquent.

But the real cloquence seems to lie in an area which Reuters is none too keen to trumpet - the way it allows all shareholders, taxable and tax-exempt alike, to benefit from the tax credit. What Reuters is doing is securitising the extra dividends in a special div-

Britain's burgeoning social security budget, has ended up with City pension fund managers. While many of us might think the pengross and the net value of the dividends. As a result ordinary tax-paying shareholders will share in the beoefits of non-tax-payers. Mmmm, the men in bowler hats round at Somerset House must be thinking.

Bonsuses regardless at Morgan

Many in the City will have a deep and weary understanding of why Deutsche Morgan Grenfell will oeed to pay millions of pounds in bosuses to its fund management

staff early next year.

Like Barings, where ING had to pay bonuses regardless of Nick Leeson's losses. the value of a company such as Morgan Grenfell Asset Management rests not just on hrand name and client lists, but on the expertise and contacts of the employees too. The best people will be sitting ducks for poschers if they receive no bonuses wheo they are due to be paid next Fehruary or

The purist would none the less argue that no bonuses should be paid, indeed that to pay them merely encourages the lack of col-legiste responsibility and sloppiness that allowed Peter Young to flourish. Morgan's bunus system is not linked to the short-term would otherwise be lying in the public purse to be spent on such obviously deserving national causes as the Eurofighter and linear to be spent on such obviously deserving thus be expected to reflect the value of the based on a rolling assessment of profits over dividends to a non-tax-paying fund; they several years plus a discretionary element for

Deutsche of Peter Young's investment mys-tery tour is £180m, the amount injected into the funds. That figure represents seven years' profits for the fund management arm, and it is also equivalent to a year's profit for

the whole Morgan Grenfell group.

The cost is almost certain to rise, when compensation to investors and regulatory fines are thrown into the pot. On any rea-sonable view, Morgan Grenfell Asset Man-agement executives should be left without sweeteners until past the millenium. Obviously, that is not going to happen, for if Deutsche were to do this it would soon have no business at all.

All the same Deutsche must be wondering about a system which, though it boasts a collegiate structure of control, has everyone running for the door the moment they are required to talke real monetary responsibility for their colleagues' misdemeanours.

Twitchy days at the National Grid

Not many complaining days left until Pro-fessor Stephen Littlechild decides just how hard to clobber the electricity transmission industry and the boys around at the

National Grid are starting to get twitchy. In their formal response to the Prof's proposed new price controls they have at last managed to generate sufficient rage to utter extracting more than a token concession.

individual performance. So far, the cost to the phrase "expropriation". That's more like Deutsche of Peter Young's investment mystery tour is £180m, the amount injected into to get institutional shareholders but under the collar and it has worked.

Funds owning nearly a third of the shares

baye written to the watchdog warning him to back off otherwise they will tell the Grid to go to the Monopoles and Mergers Commission. Mohilising shareholder support is now a familar tactic among regulated monopolies at the wrong end of price reviews. British Gas got Sids to write in by the sackful bleating about Clare Spottiswoode's treatment of TransCo.

Sadly, it had precious little effect on her final proposals. Notwithstanding the higher calibre of the Grid's correspondents, it should not count on doing any better. Even as they stand, the price controls would shave only £4 off the average hill and require annual efficiency gains of oo more than 4 per cent. So be is unlikely to be in the mood to make big concessions.

In any event the Grid and the Prof appear to be nudging closer together on valuation and estimates of efficiency gains. True, this is partly down to the depressing effect his initial proposals have had on the Grid's shares. The "market-based" value of it regulated assets, even if both sides agree the telecoms business Energis is worth nothing, is £4bn. The Grid may have less to lose than BT or British Gas from going to the MMC. But it should not count on the threat

Hanson backs EU works councils

BARRIE CLEMENT and JOJO MOYES

Hanson Group, one of the Conservative Party's biggest financial backers, yesterday ignored the Government's opt-out from the Maastricht Treaty and included European works councils.

Initially reluctant to establish European-wide systems of consultation for employees, Hansoo has decided to create councils in its operating commust set up such structures by 22 September or face imposition from Brussels.

The opt-out from the treaty would have allowed the company to exclude UK employees, but the board has decided to include them.

All 27 British-based multianonunced plans for works counts, a donation of £100,000 environment.

councils have failed to take advantage of the escape clause negotiated by John Major. Companies with 1,000 employees in the EU and 150 in two member states have to set up

councils.

Maastricht Treaty and included Referring to a council set up British workers in plans for at Hanson Brick, Allan Black, national officer at the GMB general union, said he was pleased the group had "recog-nised the value of this interna-tional dialogue". He said the company had accepted that panies before a deadline expires workers and managers could in 10 days. Big multi-oationals solve many issues and problems before they arose.

"Works councils are now an established form of industrial relations. The Government can barely continue with their 'optout' when Tory flagships such as Hanson are signing Euro deals with the GMB."

According to the conglom-

was made in the year to last September 1995.

A spokesman for Hanson said that decisions to establish consultation processes under the European directive had been made by individual operating companies. He was unaware that the group had

changed its mind on the issue. In a statement, Hanson Brick said its employee forum would focus principally on the company's performance and over-

all strategy.

Matters to be discussed might include changes in corporate structure, the economic and financial situation and the competitive position. Also to be revealed at the works council would be important plans for production, sales and employment. Representatives on the council would also be informed about health and safety, trainng policy, new products and the

Unemployment figures hit five-year low

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

The number of people claiming unemployment beoefit fell by 15,600 in August to the lowest level for more than five years and the summer saw a hig increase in employment. Yet underlying earnings growth remained unchanged in July for

the sixth month running. However, unemployment measured by the quarterly vided yesterday about whether

Labour Force Survey, which uses the internationally-accepted definition, showed an increase of 11,000 in the three months to May.

Ministers have not decided whether to accept the recommendation of independent experts to introduce a monthly LFS, according to the Treasury. Meanwhile the divergence between the two unemployment measures left economists dithere was any risk of earnings jobs in April-June were full time, and higher employment in growth picking up soon.
The headline claimant count has fallen for six months run-

ning, taking the level of unemployment to 2.1 million and the unemployment rate to 7.5 per cent - both the lowest since March 1991. Employment jumped by 118,000 in the three mooths to June following a drop of 23,000 during the previous three months.

Three quarters of the new

duced the number of job place-

There was additional comfort services more than compensated for a small decline in manabout inflation prospects in the ufacturing.
A further signal of strength latest figure for underlying average earnings growth, which remained at 3.75 per cent.

in the jobs market was an m-The pace of increase in man-ulacturing was unchanged at 4.0 cies at Jobcentres, to the highest per cent, compared to 4.25 per for seven-and-a-half years. cent a year earlier. In services it was 3.75 per cent, up from 3.5 warned the level was exaggerated by the introduction of a per cent the previous month and computer system which had re-2.5 per cent a year earlier.

Future of Co-operative Bank is virtually assured

Banking Correspondent

Co-operative Bank, which prides itself on its ethical stance, will close its branches by the end of the century and replace them with booths in which customers will talk to staff through a video-link. bank will have closed 10 per cent of its branches. "It's part of our cost savings, moving phone banking sector.

from the old way of banking

to the new, said Terry
Thomas, managing director.
The bank, wholly owned by
the Co-operative Wholesale Society, yesterday said its interim profits were a record £25.1m, up 24 per ceot. Mr Thomas believed the closure of 100 or so hranches would not By the end of this year, the lead to redundancies because the staff would be deployed in the bank's expanding tele-

A few staff will be needed for the video-links and to visit the new "tardis"-like outlets. of which there are likely to be around 100.

The move to cut costs is part of the Co-op Bank's aim to slash its ratio of costs to income, which at 75 per cent is much higher than other institutions in its sector.

through branch closures but to "go back to basics", pulling worst polluters.

the Co-op's plans go one stage out of mortgage leading and further,

All of its 2 million retail customers are given access to telephone banking, and Mr Thomas said the hank was increasing telephone access for its corporate clieots.

crease in the number of vacan-

However, official statisticians

He became managing director in 1988, at a time when many banks were beginning to Most other banks are ex- face up to the reality of mountploring ways to cut costs ing bad debts. His answer was

concentrating on selling an ethical approach to hanking. Yesterday the bank launched a national poster campaign to

hammer home the message that it takes this approach seriously.
Mr Thomas said the bank recently refused a potentially lucrative account from a big unnamed water company be-

cause it was one of the sector's

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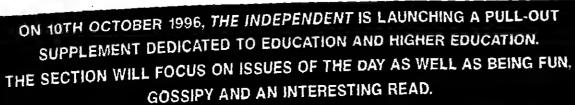
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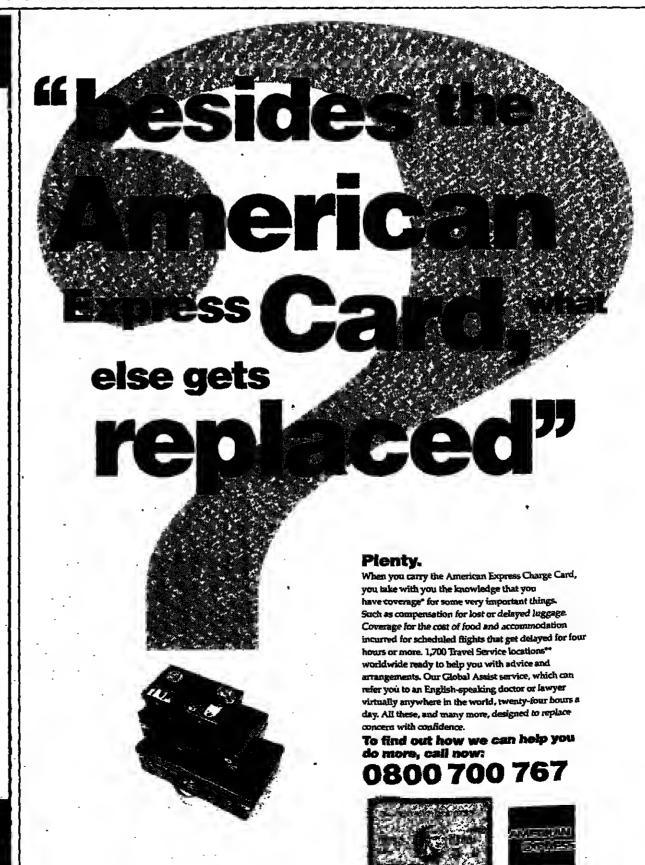








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Oil shares gush as tension in Iraq boosts crude price

Oils disturbed the stock mar-ket's slumber. The deepening forced to give ground in thin tension in Iraq pushed the trading. Thorn, the rental side of the crude price sharply higher, old Thorn EMI combination, prompting the predictable knee-jerk reaction among oil

suffered the expected humiliation of being kicked out of Footsie at the first call over. A shares. The latest encounter increases the risk to the West's place had to be found for Luoil supplies at a time the crude casVarity and Thom's poor market is experiencing its norperformance since the demal winter build-up.
The Iraqi flare up has almerger made it the obvious casnalty. The rental group, little ready ended, for the foresee-able future, the proposed changed at 369.5p, has suffered this week from worries some food-for-oil deal that would US states plan to tighten their have allowed Saddam Husconsumer credit rules. Lucas sein to pour limited amounts of Iraqi oil on to world market.

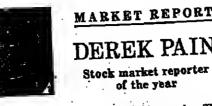
British Petroleum led the pack higher, gaining 9p to a 646p peak. Shell rose 8.5p to 966.5p; Enterprise Ofl 7.5p to 524.5p and Burmah Castrol 7.5p to 1,113.5p. The rest of the market had difficulty managing a yawn. De-

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the banking Barciays, roup, was the best-perform-602p, reflecting Pannure Gordon support.

fell 1.5p to 238p.

RTZ, the mining giant, bad an uneasy session ahead of interim figures due today. Shares of CRA, its Australian sister, experienced a weak run, prompting suspicions the re-sults could contain some nasty surprises. RIZ fell 27p to 930.5p. BTR, ahead of its cru-



profit warning. The fall would no doubt bave been even ing blue chip, up 20p to 948.5p on suggestions Credit Lyomais Laing had turned bullish.

Abbey National put on 8.5p to market and buy 1.7 million shares, lifting its shareholding to 18.8 per cent. Matthew Clark said it had

Renters' intriguing share buy-back lifted the shares 14p been hit by the growth of alcopops. Its big rival HP Bulmer, to 764p. It is to hand to sharechanged at 552.5p, meets its holders some £600m of its shareholders today. £900m cash pile through spe-Scotia, the drugs group, was cial shares which will pay six another under pressure for the second day, falling 29p to dividends of 125p over the

662.5p. making a 71p decline.

British Biotech fell 6p to
199p. There was talk Glaxo pext three years. Matthew Clark, the cider maker, had another crushing time. The shares crashed 75.5p

drug. Glaxo, down 7p to 941p, bas for some time had an op-tion to evaluate BritBio's astima treatment.

Racal Electronics was firm at 300p ahead of an analysts' meeting and T&N, another entertaining analysis, lost 2p to 138.5p.

ting, the aviation group. flew 5.5p higher to 144p on sug-gestions Cobham could be considering a strike; the agreed offer for British Data Management nudged the shares 2p higher to 176.5p; bidder Mentmore Abbey rose 5p to 87p.

British Steel fell 3.25p to

188.75p on Merrill Lynch caution and utilities suffered from the Labour Party's planned

shake-up.

Anagen lost 9p to 23.5p after warning a cash-raising operation, through a private placing of convertible loan stock, was under way. The shares of the healthcare group

Memory Corporation, repairing defective computer chips, lost 3.5p to 31p. The results are expected to be depressingly weak. Memory is thought to have been devastated by the

collapse in chip prices. Easynet was another under pressure, falling 7p to 46p. The Internet service provider bas had a worrying time since enjoying a high-profile debut on AIM in March. Placed at 100p, the shares shot to 130p before starting what has been

a steady decline. Eurodis Electron, the electronic components distributor, lost 12p to 185.5p following an uninspiring trading state-ment. Earlier this year the shares were riding above 300p as the market awaited a takeover bid, to be triggered by the signalled sale of Swiss group Elektrowatt's 42 per ceot shareholding. But the Swiss failed to find a buyer.

| Ronson's £10.4m cash call looks like flopping. Shares of the former brewery, being reshaped as an international luxury goods group by former funeral undertaker Howard Hodgson, fell to 25.5p, just 0.5p above the

TAKING STOCK

The nil paid halved to 1p. rights price. A US small companies fund, Albion, is pumping in £1m for a 5 per cent stake and sub underwriting the rights; it could end with 22.3 per cent. Rouson's profits were decimated by a fire at its Newcastle factory.

[]Watermark, a promotions group run by a former stock-broker John Caulcutt, should produce profits of more than £500,000 this year against a £60,000 loss last time.

It arrived on AIM last month at 13p; the shares are currently 20p.

Wellcome had decided to end to 355.5p, an astonishing 314.5p decline since Tuesday's spite another flood of largely topped 100p last year. cial figures today, shaded 2p to its relationship over an asthma encouraging company results investor interest was again low SONDIFMAMIJAS **Share Price Data** Prices are in stering except where stated. The years is less year a de20 per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price/earnings
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Ahoy, me hearties! The 14 boat crews taking part in the round the world yacht race sponsored by BT are in their last stages of preparation, before they set off for their 30,000-mile odyssey at the end of the month.

Dr Alan Rudge, deputy Ahoy, me hearties! The 14

Dr Alan Rudge, deputy chief executive of BT, is crewing a boat for one of the legs, between Wellingtoo in New Zealand and Sydney,

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Australia.
Dr Rudge is no stranger to hoats - he sails his own 45. foot yacht out of Port Hamhle on the South Coast. "I'm the sort of Godfather to the BT Global Chal-

lenge," he says, referring to the race. He persuaded the BT to sponsor the race after British Steel subbed the first one four years ago.

Fourteen different compa-

nies are sponsoring each boat, including Courtaulds and Group 4. Many of the crews have never sailed before, although all the captains are professionals.
"We had 2,000 applicants

when we advertised 30 crew places internally," says Dr Rudge. It's an expensive exercise. It costs each crew member £18,000 to go, or

£5,000 for a single leg.
Dr Rudge says that he is
doing the Tasman Sea leg because it is the briefest, at only nine weeks. It would be impossible to get any more

time off from BT, he adds.

Many other senior businessmen have plumped for the same section of the race, prompting one cynical sea-dog to duh it "the chief exec-utives' leg".

Robert Peel, chief executive of Thistle Hotels, which is about to float, has come a loog way since he left Etoo aged 16. Now 49, Mr Peel has carved out a profile for himself in the hotel industry, not least by driving a flash Cadillac for the last 19 years.

Mr Peel is a descendant of the 19th century prime min-ister Robert Peel, who invented the British bobby. The family of the present day Mr Peel ran businesses in Egypt until they were kicked out by Nassar in 1956.

After school young Robert toured the great hotels of Europe, picking up valuable experience, and coded up running the old-style Quagli-oo's in London in 1970, while in his early twenties.

Then he teamed up with his brother Charlie, a stockhroker then working for Fielding Newsoo Smith, and in 1976 they had their hig hreak. The famed Jim Slater was on his uppers, and sold a chunk of Mount Charlotte

Investments to the brothers. mania of the time and Robert became chief executive and used it as a vehicle, selling off its milk bars and



Messing about in boats: Alan Rudge has settled for one leg of the odyssey

tired seaside hotels. Theo in 1989 he succumbed to the bought Thistle hotels from Scottish & Newcastle for £645m.

Interest rates doubled and Sir Ron Brierley swooped. The New Zealander bought the company, but Robert survived as chief executive. Sir Ron in turn was eject-

ed from Brierley Investments, which still owns 70 per cent of Thistle, the rest going to the Singapore gov-ernment. Robert will still oversee the "Thistle-isation"

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of the group's acquisitions after the float, while brother Charlie has his own stock-broking house, Peel Hunt.

Robin Hall, managing direc-tor of CINven, is still smarting after his beloved Arsenal's 3-2 defeat at the hands of Borussia Monche

ngladbach this week. He's attempted to cheer himself up by hiring a new director, four new investment managers and a marketing manager for the

venture capital group.
Since the management of CINven bought out the com-pany from British Coal last October it has broadened its business, says Mr Hall. The firm needs new blood for its spanking new Old Broad Street offices in the City.

Along with a new £200m buyout fund which CINven is raising comes this chutch of appointments. The new director is Yagnish Chotai, currently deputy managing

director of Gresham Trust. The four investment managers, all qualified accountants and all under 30, are: David Barker, senior financial analyst with Morgan Crucible; Stuart McAlpine, who moves from the acquisition finance arm of Royal Bank of Scotland; Gordon Moore, formerly a corporate financier with SBC Warburg: and Dominic Murphy, who was an investment executive

John Willcock

	COMPA	NY RESULT	S	
	Tornover £	Pre-tax £	EPS	Dividend
Adectors Group (F)	49.4m (31.8m)	5.05m (4.61m)	15p (18.1p)	8.5p (9p)
ABP (I)	122m († 16m)	46.9m (43.5m)	9.2p (8.8p)	3.Sp (3p)
Antologasta Hidge (l)	95.2m (87.8m)	27,9m (51,6m)	19.1p (24.2p)	2p (2p)
Bert & Wellson (1)	116m (129m)	9.90m (0.73m)	3.5p (3.2p)	3.25p (3p)
British Data Magazat(F)	19.8m (17.0m)	2.55m (1.58m)	6.3p (3.8p)	3.75p (-)
British-Sarana Pat (I)	27.0m (20.5m)	10.9m (7.51m)	13.75p (11.48p)	30 (2.667p)
Cueis Viyella (f)	1.60bs (1.26bs)	47.0m (70.8m)	4p (5.6p)	4.625p (4.625p
Chalence inti (I)	186m (91,4m)	15.9m (10.1m)	5.94p (3.63p)	1.2p (0.65p)
Co-operative Stank (1)	-(-)	25.1m (20.3m)	2.11p (1.68m)	†4.625p (-)
Jackes Crean (f)	1155m (1131m)	17.53m (t/8.01m	(12.7p)	6.5p (-)
Development Secs (I)	6,2m († 1,9m)	1.4m (0.6m)	4.5p (1.7p)	0.9p (0.8p)
Equest int (f)	60.5m (71.1m)	12.2m (-28.8m)	15.98p (-47.2p)	1.45p (1.25p)
Flich (I)	9.95m (7.71m)	1,14m (0.82m)	2.1p (1.3p)	- (-)
Boucings (I)	31.6m (29.5m)	0.14m (0.21m)	1.06p (1.74p)	7p (1p)
Hoyarond Williams (I)	311m (264m)	15.Sm (24.0m)	9.3p (19p)	Sp (5p)
Independent Noves (I)	ir183m (ir169m)	1:28.0m(1:20.4m)	6.74p (5.88p)	2.3p (2.05p)
inches (i)	10.7m (†1.2m)	0.40m (0.58m)	5.6p (8.4p)	1.5p (1.5p)
Kingtieher (1)	2.54bn (2.28bn)	110m (74.6m)	11.7p (8.2p)	Sp (4.5p)
London Forfalting (1)	- (-)	16.6m (11.1m)	11.68p (7.87p)	3.7p (3.4p)
Mirror Group (I)	277m (248m)	51.9m (57.0m)	9.1p (11.1p)	1.35p (1.2p)
Pageod's Broop (I)	2.58m (2.95m)	0,02m (0.07m)	-4.93p (1.06p)	-(-)
Presider Off (F)	56,9m (36.4m)	27.7m (14.0m)	1.87g	- (-)
PTS Setup (I)	34.4m (28.0m)	1.01m (0.86m)	3.4p (3.2p)	1.3p (1.2p)
Pradectial (I)	- (+)	361m (499m)	12.9p (20.2p)	5.8p (5.3p)
Stad-Place (I)	6.96m (7.08m)	2.09m (1.86m)	6.6p (5.8p)	5.13p (4.75p)
Telepos (I)	35.0m (27.9m)	-6.0m (4.27m)	-13.75p (8.90p)	nii (1.8p)
Try Group (I)	74.2m (58.6m)	0.36m (-1.77m)	0.52p (-2.55p)	nii (mil)
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## England's warning to players

**Rugby Union** 

England's defiant international squad have been warned to attend next week's training session after boycotting the first of the season in favour of a meeting called by the English Pro-

fessional Rugby Union Clubs
The players will stage a gettogether at the end of this week with their clubs' organisation as the internal row rumbles on despite the settlement of the Five Nations feud. They will decide on a policy about future rela-tionships with Twickenham specifically whether to turn up to oext week's training session.

Last week more than 40 players declined to go to Bisham Abbey and the squad session was cancelled. Iostead, the squad attended a meeting with Eprue at which they agreed to their employers vision for the future". That vision involved "complete independence" from the RFU by First and Second

Division clubs. The RFU, probably reluc-tantly, allowed the players to get away unpeoalised with their unique strike action. They may oot be so lenient if a second

squad sessioo is disrupted. The RFU secretary, Tony Hallett, said: "I'm expecting them to turn up. I believe Epruc made a serious gesture last time. They wanted to make it clear to us that, wheo they were talking about a breakaway, they were serious. They are putting a considerable amount of investment into the playing strengths of this country and they want that recognition. We have got to accept it. Contracts for players are due out this week. Clubs don't know, nor do the players, what will be on the table.

It's a lot better than last year." Hallett is also confident about sorting out the Epruc dispute, saying: "The gloves may be off but we are still talking. I don't believe the clubs wish to break

ly that the players want to play for England, they don't want to be caught in the crossfire."

He admitted that the selectors would choose an England team from outside the top two divisions if the dispute cannot be settled. In the doomsday scenario, we would have to pick the hest that was available in England," he said. "We would have to keep international representative sides going. I don't believe it would ever cotoe to that. There is too much pride, too much heart in playing for England. Most peo-

ple would play for nothing."
Australia are still hopeful they can ressurrect a fixture against England at Twickenham in December. Australia's Rugby Union chief executive, John O'Neill, said he would speak to his English counterparts in a bid to include the match oo their European tour schedule.

Australia, who have already scheduled Tests against Ireland Wales and Scotland during their eight-week European tour, announced oo Tuesday that they would play England on 7 De-cember. But the Four Home Unions Tour Committee chairman, Ray Williams, dismissed the announcement, saying it was too late to change the tour schedule. O'Neill, who is keen for the Wallabies to complete their first Grand Slam tour since 1984, said: 'The Rugby Football Union has got a meeting oo Friday where they are going to consider the matter."

Ireland's match against Australia has been brought forward one week to 23 November. The change in date was made in response to a request from the Welsh Rugby Unloo for ooe of the six matches that had been allocated to Ireland for the tour. Ireland surrendered the fixture between Ireland A and the Wallabies on 26 November and in return will have a match against the All Blacks next season.

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One's Mr Honest, who gamely

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## Canada's icemen cool in front of goal



Team Canada's Claude Lemieux sneaks in behind Team USA's Scott Young to put the puck past the netminder, Mike Richter, during the World Cup in Philadelphia. Canada beat the States 4-3 in overtime in the opening game of the best-of-three finals Photograph; Mike Blake/Reuter

Wales forgive and forget to include Gibbs and Co

Wales finally forgave the players who turned their backs oo rugby unioo for oorthern mooey by including four former ue internationals in a squad of 35 announced yesterday.

Swansea's Scott Gibbs and Stnart Evans, David Young of Cardiff and Bath's Richard Webster were all given the chance to

resurrect their international unioo careers when they were es against France, Italy, Australia and South Africa, Gibbs, who en-

named in the preparation squad for Wales' forthcoming matchjoyed a successful two-year stint at St Helens, last represented Wales in union in 1993. There was oo place, howev-

er, for the former Wigan forward Scott Quinnell or for Jonathan Davies. Quinnell was left oo the sidelines after being accused of wanting a gnaranteed sum for playing for Wales, over and above that being offered to Welsh Rugby Unioo cootracted players, although he has consistently denied this.

rector of rugby, said: "Contractual negotiations with Scott are on-going and we hope they will be put in place before the match against Australia in November."

Andy Moore, the Richmood scrum-half, who was not available for the Test against the Barbarians last month, is back in the

squad while Cardiff's Steve Ford, the winger, and Emyr Lewis, the flanker, have both been overlooked. After meeting France, Wales

play Italy in Rome oo 5 October before entertaining Australia in Cardiff on 1 December and South Africa oo 15 December. Squad, Digest, page 27

POINTS SCORED

### Welsh are relegated to save red faces

Rugby League
DAVE HADFIELD

South Wales have been relegated from Super League without ever throwing a pass or taking a tackle. The Cardiff based club were accepted into Super League for oext season, subject to conditions on finance and playing strength, only two mooths ago. But a meeting of the Rugby League Council yesterday reversed that decision by inviting them to compete in the First Division instead.

From the information they gave us, they would have been doomed to ignominy in Super League," the league's chief ex-ecutive, Maurice Lindsay, said. We are concerned about the availability of some of the players they say they are hoping to sign. It would oot do the game any good if they were to be sent into obliviou after one seasoo."

The team behind the South Wales club, including the Welsh national coach, Clive Griffiths, were told of the council's decisioo last night. They will now have to decide whether to swallow the pill, sweetened with an offer of £250,000 to help them huild up to the standard needed to win promotion into Super League under their own steam.

The council meeting also agreed a revised allocation of money from News Corporation for next seasoo with Super League and First Divisioo clubs getting slightly more and those in the Second Division marginally less. Apart from the saving involved in South Wales not being in Super League, the league has put extra income from sponsorship and televisioo rights into the pot to keep clubs sweet. St Helens have officially joioed Sheffield in pursuit of Warrington's £1.35m listed lestyn Harris. "We are not cash rich, but we would kick ourselves if we missed a chance to sign lestyn," their chief execu-tive, David Howes, said.

Saints' Apollo Perelini has become the first wincer of the Rugby League Writers Associatioo's player of the year award.

## THE INDEPENDENT

## **Grand Prix Shopping List**

#### **GRAND PRIX** '96 RACE SCHEDULE Portuguese GP

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#### Overall Top 50 Dream Teams

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The latest scores and results Sometimes the script works out perfectly. If there was one race that Mahari C. macher simply had to win to justify his monster salary, it was the Italian Grand Prix at Monza, the annual love-fest for the tifosi, Ferrari's dedicated fans. Win he did, and the only losers are likely to be the Italian organisers, who face a whopping fine for the inevitable invasion of the track after Schumacher's victory. There was one other big loser,



Michael Schumacher reigns supreme at the Italian Grand Prix

ve with a top team, and his impressive run at Monza may indeed have persuaded one or two team managers to look beyond his wallet to the talent that lies behind it. Others to add to previously paltry scores were Tyrrell's Ukyo Kataya-DRIVER OF THE DAY:

> Schumi is usually an enthusiastic celebrator of his grand prix victories, but his leaps for joy on the

Monza podium suggested relief and the lift-ing of a burden: this was the one race of

the year that he absolutely bad to win.

Ferrari's dedicated fans took some time

to warm to the German, but anyone who

wins at Monza in one of the scarlet cars

has their place in the fans' hearts for

ever more. Now he can safely ask for

an even bigger salary to extend his stay

with the Maranello team even further. Schumacher's Dream Team value

was £25m. In real life, he is rumoured

to be suggesting that \$30m would be

a suitable wage for his services in 1998.

He will be worth every cent.

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER

ma and Jos Verstappen in the Arrows. Jos, in particular, will have been glad to see the chequered flag. having been much too inclined to practise high-speed parking with his car in recent races. The only drivers to collect negative

Michael Cooper/Allsport scores in Italy were Gerhard Berger, whose Benetton succumbed early on to a mysterious electronic gremlin in the gearbox, and Olivier Panis, who had handbrake trouble on the grid and collided with Katayama early in the race.

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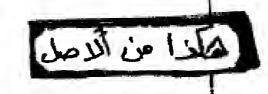
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## The Cecil juggernaut powers on

RICHARD EDMONDSON reports from Doncaster

When Henry Cecil was hidding in the Keeneland Sales ring in Kentucky yesterday he could have been forgiven if he had used his middle finger to attract the auctiooeer's attention.

It is the Newmarket man's overpowering wish that he should win the trainers' championship in Britain this year and so frustrate the Godolphin operation of Sheikh Mohammed from whom he parted so acrimoniously almost a year ago. Yesterday, as he enjoyed the relative balm of the Blue Grass State, Cecil leapfrogged Godol-phin at the top of the table with a double at the less salubrious setting of Town Moor.

Corradini kick-started the success, but Cecil will have gained greater satisfaction from he Park Hill Stakes victory uf ava Luna, who can almost he regarded as a "store" horse. The filly, the property of Prince Khalid Abdullah, did not run at either two or three, but showed enough on the gallops to persuade her trainer that she deserved to be kept on the roster. Henry always thought she was very useful, but at the end of last season, wheo she was about to

hit the track, she had a little crack in a cannon bone," Grant Pritchard-Gordon, the winning owner's racing manager, said yesterday. "Henry hegged Prince Khalid to keep her in training. Now I can see why."

The daughter of Alleged exemplifies one of the absurdities of modern racing io that horses can be given the same oame as long as a different nation of hreeding in parentheses follows. This Eva Luna (USA) is not to be confused with Jim Bolger's nippy sprinter Eva Luna (IRE), principally because she is a hig clumsy beast who needs all of a mile and a half to get up to her top gear.

Even though Eva Luna may have the accelerating capacity of a juggernaut she is also similarly difficult to stop. Pat Eddery's display of correction on the filly at York last time, when he earned a suspension for that particular use of a stick, would have carned him little sympathy at Strashourg and he en-sured there would be no late recourse to the whip yesterday. Eva Luna led throughout to provide her jockey with his 150th victory of the season. The winner comes from a huge ly productive family, but she is the end of the line as her dam, the 1984 Oaks runner-up Me-



Eva Luna and Pat Eddery easily outrun their rivals in yesterday's Park Hill Stakes

Handicap. David Barron may

have told his confederates in the

dia Luna, was killed by lightning

in America two years ago. Eva Luna gave heart to the team that will be represented by the favourite, Dushyantor, in Saturday's St Leger, and there are hopes that she too will develop into a Group One performer. "She's in such good form that I'm sure Henry will want to go again this season be-cause she's just beginning to im-derstand now," Pritchard-Gordon added. "She may well stay in training because the way she galloped on today might mean she is a Cup filly. Musical Season will certain-

ly be running again this cam-paign, in the Ayr Gold Cup, following his win in the Portland

ow takes over on Henry Cecil's filly. Mrs Miniver, who looks to have considerable scope, could be the main danger.

3.40: LEAR WHITE has stamina and a touch of pace. Olivier Peslier can be relied upon to exploit both qual-ities in what should become a tac-tical race, Celeric has to be held up for a late run. Double Trigger is a worthy favourite but it might not pay to take short odds on a horse who

puh last oight that he won the another of yesterday's winners, race twice as his For The Pre-Anzio, is unlikely to be sent to sent, another Ayr Gold Cup Scotland with a 7lb penalty. possibility, was sixth but first "That takes some carrying and

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Park Stake	s - Do	ncaster :	2.30	
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Distant Casis (H Cecil)	100-30	3.1		7-2
Bishop Of Caebel (J Fenshaves)	41	5-1	9-2	9-2
Bia Rosie (D Loder)		6-1	5-1	9-2
Restructure (Mrs I Cecti)	4-1	11.2		11-2
Ruznessa (B Hds)	6-1			10-1
Royal Philosopher () Hills	14-1	12-1		16-1
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Each-way a fifth the odds, places 1, 2, 3

also trains the Ayr favourite,

Coastal Bluff, but he will now

have to transport top weight as

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er 3.50 Deerly 4.20 Cointosser 4.50 Ashkemazy

Left-hand, undulating course.

Course is on A465. Chepsion station 1m. ADMISSION: Club
\$14; Tautersalis \$10 (QAPs 55). CAR PARK: Free.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Galapino (3.50); Tymoere (4.50).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Nonc.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Amy Leigh (4.50) has been sent 166
rules by J Wilson from Soliom, Lancs.

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GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round course -DRAW ADVANTAGE: High up to 1m.

it would almost be easier to win a Group race," Barron said. There was no such reticence from Barry Hills, who provided the information that his string was in remarkably good form after Nightbird won the nursery. Hills reported to the normally unshockable swell of the press corps that a certain part of his anatomy would turn into a kipper if My Branch did oot collect this afternoon's Sceptre Stakes.

ST LEGER (Doncaster, Sanurday): Coral: 31 Dushyantor, 4-1 Mons, 6-1 Gord & Sharaf
Kabeer, 8-1 Shamou, 10-1 Heron Island &
St Mawes; Ladbrotoes: 100-30 Dushyantor, 9-2 Mons, 5-1 Gord, 7-1 Sharaf Robeer,
William Hill: 3-1 Dushyantor, 7-2 Mons, 51 Gord, 7-1 Sharaf Kabeer, 8-1 Heron Island & Shamou, 10-1 St Mawes.

### Celeric to pull back Trigger

GREG WOOD

Injustice, as anyone who has lost winner in the stewards' room will know, is tightly threaded into racing's fabric, and an un-usually fine example may start to unfold at Doncaster today.

During the last 16 months Double Trigger's talent and dogged refusal to admit defeat have brought a new vigour to our staying eveots, which had become dangerously dull. Yet last year, Europe's handicappers decided that Strategic Choice was 11b his superior, and after his defeat by Classic Cliche in the Gold Cup at Ascot, Mark Johnston's brave chestnut could be heading for the unwanted label of the best stayer oever to be named the official champion of the division.

Nor is Classic Cliche his only rival for the title. Celeric, Douhle Trigger's principal opponent as he attempts to repeat last year's victory in the Doncaster Cup, has improved with every race this season and is now, according to the British Horseracing Board's handicapper, just 8lb inferior. Since Double Trigger must concede 7lh to Celeric today, victory for the latter would imply that his progress has continued, and could carry him to the head of the ratings.

Double Trigger has not raced since losing both a shoe and his aura of invincibility in the Gold Cup. "It took us two months to get a steel shoe back on his foot after Ascot," Deirdre Johnston, his trainer's wife, said yesterday. "We will never know

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3.50 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 addled 7f

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4.50 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 5f

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whether or not losing his shoe was to hlame for Trigger not setting a strong enough gallop, but he is very well in himself oow."

The only certainty today is that Lanfranco Deitori, who takes over from the suspended Jason Weaver, will set a much better pace that the one which allowed Classic Cliche to conserve his speed for the finish at Ascot. A distinguished hut arduous career may oow be taking its toll. however, and

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Lough Eme (Doncaster 4.40) NB: Mrs Miniver (Doncaster 3.10)

CELERIC (oap 3.40) shuuld have his measure.

Celeric rates as the day's best bet simply because the remainder of the televised card though it does not include a single handicap – is desperately dif-ficult to solve. High Summer, for instance, should follow up her imperious victory at Salisbury last week in the Sceptre Stakes, but Roger Charlton, warned punters after that race that her breathing is far from perfect, and she is thus difficult to oppose or support.

The May Hill Stakes is another eveot to treat with caution, since the step up to a mile could bring dramatic improve-ment from fillies who are still at the learning stage, Gretel (3.10) should at least start at a fair price, while Bishop Of Cashel (next best 2.35) is the ooe for the Park Stakes.

#### RESULTS

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1.30: 1, BENNY THE DIP (L. Dettori) 7-4;
2. Dessert Story 4: 1; 3, Furnish 11: 2, 5 ran.
13-8 fav Out West (4th), 1½, 1½, U Gosden, Newmarket), 7ote: 52,70; £1,40,
22,00, DF: £5,50, SF: £3,75;
2.00: 1, CORFADNIS (A Fabro) evens fav;
2. Candite Smiller 15-2; 3, Tudor Island 10-1, 8 ran. 1, 5, (H Cecti, Newmarket), Telas;
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Cay Kelleway, Whitcombe). Tota: £13.20; 25.0. £4.30, £2.60. DF: £67.70. CSF:
£168.12. Troc. £337.80.
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Border, 4.40; 1. OOPS PETTE M/R Swinburn) 11-2; 2. Trojan Risk 4-1 fav; 3. Inflamous; 16-1. 11 ran, 3½, 1½, (Mrs.) Cecil, Newmarks); Tota; 65:0; 62:00, 51:00, 53:90, DR: DR: 70, CSP; 52:7, 30. Tro; 558:30. After a stewards CSP: 227-30. The Zeconds unestigned, lackport Not won, Pool of £30,726,17 car-ned forward to Doncaster today, Placeport E2,722.00. Quadport £716.50. Place 6: £1,827.70. Place 5: £933.62

EPSOM 2.10: 1. SHIN-TAKE IS Sanders) 4-6 fav. 2. Supply And Demand 12-1; 3. Another Night 11-2.9 ran. 3. 4. (R Aschuss; Epsom). Tota: £1.60: £1.10, £1.10. £1.20. DF: £6.40. CSF: £9.88. Tro: £10.70. 2.45: 1. TUSCAN DAWN IP Roberts) 12-1; 2. Tart And A Haif 7-1; 3. Portelet 8-4: 8. ran. 4. hd. 4. Haif 7-1; 3. Portelet 8-4: 8. ran. 4. hd. 4. Haif 7-1; 3. Portelet 8-4: 8. ran. 5. hd. 5. fdc. £2.20. £1.40. £1.60. DF: £22.10. CSF: £77.38. Titest: £199.55. Tite: £25.30. Rr. invocation.

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Ben. 11-2. 3. Double Bluff 7-1. 11 run. 8,
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2. Shinling Democr 13-2; 3. Straf's Legacy
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Said No. 5.20: 1. SUPAMOVA (T Qurn) 9-2: 2. Luciey Archar 7-1: 3. Axford 2-1 to. 9 ran. 9, 1%. (P Cole, Whatcombe). Totas: £4.00: £1.80. £2.60. £1.40. DF. £11.70. CSF. £31.17. Tho: £17.20. NR: Illumerate. Placepot: £8.20. Quadpot: £5.50. Place 6: £19.35. Place 6: £15.38

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2.20: 1. KRILING TIME (0 ) Burchell 121: 2. Rare Spread 1: 2 km; 3. Merio's Dream
100-1. 7 km; 29, 5. 0 Burchell, Yoke; £12.10, £3.20, £1.20, DF; £90, CSF; £18.61.
2.52: 1. NORDOC VALLEY (0 Bridgweish 31: 2. Bishops Cassle 100-30; 3. Dubelle 118 tw, 8 ran, 1/, sinth; (M Ppet, Tote; £3.40; £1.90, £1.30, DF; £4.00 CSF; £12.11.
3.80: 1. OUT RANKUNG 10 Bridgweish 72: 2. Worlboll 4-1; 3. Uttle Hoofigan 8-1.
7 ran, 15-8 tw Marchman (4th), 2, 5. (M Ppet, Tote; £4.70; £1.90, £2.90, DF; £1.40, CSF; £17.00.
4.00: 1. Jim VALENTINE (M Massaml 7-1; 2. Dreamcoller 6-1; 3. Boxing Metch 15-2, 10 ran, 3-1 km Mines Rest. 6, 8, 00 Winter, Rote; £1.07, £3.50, £7.76, £2.50, DF; £3.780, CSF; £1.30, £1.30, DF; £2.40, CSF; £3.63, £0.01, NOBLE LORD (B Powel) 4-9 km; £1.60 k



### 2.35: Bishop Of Cashel would have

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better chance if the mud was flying. One who could have too much pace for him today is DISTANT OA-SIS. This lightly raced filly was cur-tainly not disgraced when fourth in the Irish 1,000 Guineas and she oo doubt oeeded her latest run which followed a three-month absence. 

3.10: This could see another close finish between Reams Of Verse and BINT BALADEE, though neither is

2.00 AL AZHAR (nap) .35 Distant Oasis 3.10 Bint Baladee

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GOING: Straight course - Good; Round course - Good (Good to Firm in purce).

STALLS: Straight course - Stands side; Round course - Inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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3.10 MAY HELL STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 3) £25,000 C4 added 270 filles 1m (Round course)

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ideally drawn on the outside. The latter, who lost out by a neck to today's rival last time, could well reverse placings. What will make things difficult is the fact that Pat Eddery

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damaged a hoof last time.

4.10: There is stable confidence behind My Branch. She would certainly nmo My Branch. She would be taken the some beating if recapturing the form of her fourth in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket and her third in the Irish equivalent at the third in the trish equivalent at the Curragh. High Summer, who won in handicap company last time, faces a stiff task here. It may be best to rely on DANCE SEQUENCE, whose recent performances – a second to liktamal at Newcastle and a second to the Measure of the Verraguith – look to Monaassib at Yarmouth - look good enough to win this prize for Michael Stoole.

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4.10 Dance Sequence (nb)
4.40 Champagne-Grandy

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seven furiories before a comprehensive defeat bettern lead Comeans in seasons before here pulled much too hard and was straighing two furiories but. Deen if she settles before here pulled much too hard and was straighing two furiories. Deen if she settles before here she will do well to outgun BRMT RALADEE assuming she has straight most of the greenness of what she are the winner, out of her system after her Newmarket debut effort 20 days ago when she and the winner, out of here systems of Verse, by Nurvey' out of a Roberto Resens Of Verse, by Nurvey' out of a Roberto Resens Of Verse, by Nurvey' out of a Roberto Ramen of Verse, by Nurvey' out of a Roberto Britt Baladee in this remaint, but the Gordophin filly (Neshwen-Sahars Baladee) would proto-Britt Baladee in this remaint, but the Gordophin filly (Neshwen-Sahars Baladee) would proto-Britt Baladee in this remaint, but the Gordophin filly (Neshwen-Sahars Baladee) would proto-Britt Baladee in this remaint, but the Gordophin filly (Neshwen-Sahars Baladee) would proto-Britt Baladee in this remaint to make the great that to immore a large time for a gap to materialist. She should like the told the pole well after having to wait a long time and is a sister to a good 14-futorin forces to great that the dam was placed over a mile and is a sister to a good 14-futorin forces to great that the dam was placed over a mile and is a sister to a good 14-futorin forces to great the futoring forces the form, but Catwaik could be the one severe lost month. Fernanda is weighted to reverse the form, but Catwaik could be the one well most improvement in her.

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Old Roarwel and Adosiral's Well shouldn't be good enough, while Assessor is a different horse in the mud but seems unlikely to get his tavoured conditions here. So the three to concentrate on are CELERGE, Double Trigger and Lasr Writte. Since this trip presents a new challenge for Celeric, especially against a high-class performer like Double Trigger, he has his work out out to win. But he has done nothing but improve and has a good turn of loss his work out out to win. But he has done nothing but improve and has a good turn of foot, on his favoured good or fast ground, backed up by agains studio. Recalling the Northumberland Plate, he sustained his run for a long way when hitting top goer and so he might have the neserves of stamina which will enable him to be competitive in top company at this distance. Double Trigger apparently demagged a hoof in bowing under to Classic Cloth in the Ascot Gold Cup. He is reported in good shape and can be notice from the front of the back, though no doubt Frankie Dettoit wit feer Celeric's pace and ride accordingly. Lear White made the frame in the Hardwicke Stales, the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud, Princes of Wale's Stales and the Goodwood Cup.

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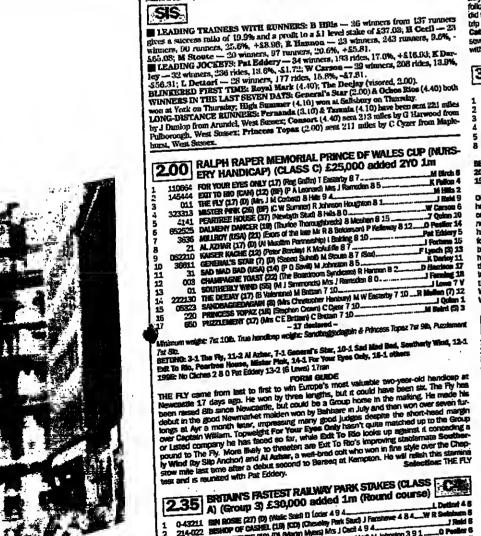
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## Wilkinson once took the Leeds players underground to observe life in the mines to bring an appreciation of obvious advantages

here too long to be lightly dismissed is that managers who put their trust in footballers are asking for trouble. "Play all the angles before they start playing you," is how Brian Clough once put it.

What helped to make Clough a great figure in his time was the understanding that liberty-taking comes naturally to the breed, along with a nose for excuses - the coaching, the tactics, the pitch, team selection, even what is served

up for hreakfast. Delayed when returning from abroad, an England player's eyes lit up at the suggestion that it was no way to get ready for a match against Liverpool at Anfield. "Iry working on a coal face," Clough would prohably have growled.

As I recall it, Howard Wilkinson themselves in any way responsible once took the Leeds players then for Wilkinson's dismissal. under his charge to observe life underground in the coal mines in the hope that it would bring about a greater appreciation of pretty

obvious advantages.

Probably, this did not have the desired effect because, from personal experience, footballers, in the main, take their good fortune for granted.

All these things sprang to mind this week when it was amounced that Wilkinson'a eight-year reign at Elland Road was over. On the evidence of their dismal performance in last season's Coca-Cola Cup final against Aston Villa and subsequent displays in the Premiership, a fairly safe bet is that few if any of the Leeds players considered

Thinking back to a conversation I had with Wilkinson shortly after the Wembley disappointment, he may have sensed by then that it was time to think seriously about alternative employment.

It was not simply that football supporters are naturally unforgiv-ing and that directors run out of patience, but that the team had stopped performing for him.

"Daft as it might sound, it got to the point at Wemhley where I wished that one of them would hit the referee, start fighting among themselves, anything to show that they were actually interested," I

recall him saying.

When those thoughts figured in an interview on these pages, they



KEN JONES

caused quite a stir and, apparently, led to recriminations in the Leeds dressing room.

However you look at these

things, the manager, of course, is ultimately responsible. Eight years, even five, is a long time to be hear-

case it had reached the point where either he got himself a new team or the team would get itself a new manager. That Wilkinson was unfailingly honest and is in touch with wider realities did not

come into the equation.

Ironically, Wilkinson's replacement, George Graham, had begun to experience something similar at Arsenal before he was called to account in a "bung" inquiry, sacked and then suspended from football for 12 months. The methods for 12 months. The methods Graham had employed to win five major trophies in eight years, in-cluding two championships, were beginning to creak along with the legs of ageing players. An unavoidable impression was that Arsenal found Graham's indiscretions convenient.

not made it unpopular with the masses. It is not that long ago since many Manchester United sup-porters would have gladly seen the back of Alex Ferguson, who has since established himself as one of the truly great club managers, in the mould of Clough, Jock Stein, Sir Matt Busby, Bill Shankly, Bill

Nicholson and Don Revie. Like-

wise, Everton supporters were howling for Howard Kendall's

head before he went on to win the championship.
It has to be said that Wilkinson made mistakes, especially when signing players who never came up to expectations. There was a lot of tinkering with the system and, over the last couple of seasons, too

Still, slapping managers around many team changes. Winning the with consummate disrespect has championship just two seasons after Leeds returned to the top flight probably worked against Wilkinson in that it brought about RUD

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an untimely upsurge of expectation.
Shortly before that success was achieved, I came across Wilkinson at the Cheltenham Spring Festival. He was with two Leeds directors, one of whom said: "You are speaking to the best manager in the business." Wilkinson had already raised Leeds from the ruins of the post-

Revie era.

This week the curtain came
This week the curtain Road just down for him at Elland Road just five matches into the season. Nothing new in this, but it is getting more and more difficult to be light-hearted about a game for

Faldo on

a tight

schedule

Nick Faldo, making a rare

Nick Faldo, making a rare-Eurorean appearance here in the Lancôme Trophy, will give himself only eight opportunities to make next year's Ryder Cup team, Faldo, who swung last

year's match Europe's way, has

yet to communicate this to Seve

Ballesteros. The new captain warned the top players not to

rely on a wild card.

After this week and next at

Loch Lomond, plus next year's

majors, Faldo's two other events

may be prior to the Open. His

schedule does not include the PGA Championship at Went-

worth. "It is opposite the

Memorial event and in the

middle of a good run for me in

America leading up to the US

Open," the Masters champion

said. "If I am playing well, then

Ill qualify from eight events. My

priority is the majors. I fully

understand Seve's concern. If you

only have two picks, you want the

best players to qualify."
As expected, Faldo's name is

also missing from the 12-man field for the Toyota World Match

Championship at Wentworth next month. He was already

committed to the Bridgestone

Open-in-Japan prior-to winning

at Augusta. Without him, the

line-up includes the three other

majors winners, the top five on

the US money list and the top

two in Europe. The defending

champion, Ernie Els, is seeded

into the second round with

ANDREW FARRELL reports from Versailles

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Leicestershire are two wins away from their first title for 21 years. Jon Culley reports

## Whitaker enjoying the mind games

The question was designed to be provocative and it had the desired effect on the Leicestershire captain. Must it not be a poor Championship if his side can win?

"I don't think it is a fair comment," James Whitaker said, "but I can see why people might

"They look at the players we have and they don't see big names, so they wonder how we can be doing so well. But what

they do not see is a team.
"I don't think any of the other counties would begrudge us the title. All the counties we have beaten we have beaten handsomely, including sides with five or six internationals, and, of the six draws, three were dictated by the weather.

"We have used only 13 players and everyone has won us a game, in one way or another. Alan Mullally's talent has been recognised at last and there are not many batsmen who look forward to taking on David Millus, even at 30. And the contribution of Phil Simmons, as a bowler, batsman and slip field-

er, has been immeasurable." Simmons, the West Indian all-rounder, signed a new two year-contract yesterday amid high optimism at Grace Road. and Leicestershire, with a lead of one point as they begin the penultimate round against Durham at Chester-le-Street today, will carry off the title for the first time since Ray Illingworth led them to it in 1975. It may be an omen that the

present captain is another Yorkshireman, as is the manager, Jack Birkenshaw, who was a member of Illingworth's side. But the notion that this is a success driven by a couple of hard-nosed northerners would also be

less than accurate. Birkenshaw's roots are unmistakable but the harsher edges of Whitaker's vowels have long since been smoothed

To see people performing above their own expectations makes me very proud'

away. His family, chocolate makers from Skipton, sent James to Uppingham School in

Nor is there much of the blunt intransigence of the regional stereotype. In conversa-. tion, Whitaker constructs his comments thoughtfully, revealing sensitivity and perceptiveness, particularly so in ncerning the psychology of the game, which has been a key element in his first season as captain.

"Don't get me wrong, I'm not a Mike Brearley," he said. "But I have always been interested in how to focus the mind in cer-

"It is an area we neglect in English cricket. Sport is 90 per cent in the brain, isn't it? And 10 per cent technique. So what do we do with English cricketers? We spend 90 per cent of the time on batting and bowling technique and we never - or hardly ever - practise what goes through our minds. Surely you must practise that as well?"

At Whitaker's instigation, Leicestershire have. Mental preparation has become as im-

portant as catching practice.
"As an example," he said, "we now go to an away ground the afternoon before the match, have a couple of hours practice, unpack and get ready for the event taking place the follow-

"In the past, though we might travel the day before, we would not be together in an organised way until the morning.

"And we have a team meet-ing on the Wednesday night. We have talked games through everytime and it has helped create a sense of everyone being in-volved. If they feel more part of it, that they are contributing, then it helps their performance,

This togetherness is evident on the field, where Leicestershire celebrate each wicket by forming a huddle, an act which has now become part of the I like to be pro-active, to be rewhole time rather than letting



they are trying to do."

Alongside this collectivism,
Whitaker has also preached individual responsibility, disteam ethic. "It started as a bit cussing personal targets with of fun," Whitaker said, "but it each player. Bowlers are ensuseful as a way of refocusing. I like to be pro-active, to be reselves in setting fields, batters viewing what is happening the to balance their own interests with those of the team. "I be-lieve that almost anybody playthe game drift, and this helps

keep everyone aware of what ing first-class cricket is capable bowl people out and that if we times made double hundreds, of getting 10, 15 even 25 per could get 10 or 15 per cent more out of themselves, out of the batsmen we could be "But these things do not given the right climate and di-rection," he said.

"This is what we have tried to do and, although there were a few raised eyebrows at the start. I think the players have re-sponded positively. I was al-ways confident that, given a fair break with injuries, we could

Vince Wells were capable players. It was just a matter of couvincing them they could express

themselves in a confident way." In no one has this been more startling than Wells, the former jack of all trades who has three

"But these things do not a force. I knew that guys like happen unless someone is pre-Darren Maddy, Ben Smith and pared to put the time and effort into communication," Whitaker said. "To see people performing above their own expectations makes me proud. If we can now win two more and take the title, my first year in the job will have been perfect."

#### Championship top five and remaining fixtures

LEICESTERSHIRE: Today: Durbom (a). 19 Sept: Middleser (h).

Tom Lehman, Steve Jones and Mark Brooks, while Colin Montgomerie and Ian Woosnam fight it out from day one. Faldo and Montgomerie were among those who attended a players' meeting called by Ballesteros following the greens fiasco at Collingtree Park during the British Masters. "It was a private meeting." Monty reported. How private? "Private to the extent of not saying anything of what happened."

Laura Davies, second in the European earnings list, aims to boost her chance of being the leading money-winner on both sides of the Atlantic when she defends her English Open title

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### Mullally takes aim at his third ambition

Alan Mulially returns to the Leicestershire side today having already achieved two of his ambitious for the season but aware that pulling off the last may be the most difficult, writes Ion Calley.

The lanky left-arm England pace bowler was determined his ability would be recognised with Test cap this year, followed by a place on the winter tours. The

ing the third goal – the Champ-ionship – may be trickier.

Ahead by only one point go-ing into the penultunate round.

Leicestershire know that a maximum haul against Durham at Chester-le-Street, starting today, and then Middlesex at Grace Road next week would guar-antee a first title since 1975.

the party for Zimbabwe and sex to view their prospects with New Zealand. However, clinch-similar optimism. Kent, though 15 points behind Leicestershire, remain in the hunt and even Yorkshire, while no longer holding a realistic chance, are mathematical contenders.

Mullally signed a new threeyear contract yesterday and his return, fully rested, gives Leices-tershire's captain, James Whitaker, a full hand, provided there are second wish was granted on The race is open enough still none who succumb to a fin bug
Tuesday when he was named in for Surrey, Derbyshire and Es-doing the rounds at Grace Road.

Neil Williams is out with a thigh injury. Derbyshire, who finish at home to Durham, hope first to emulate Surrey and Essex in thrashing the outgoing champ-ions, Warwickshire, at Derby.

all-rounder, is back to aid the

Essex challenge (they play at

home to Sussex, then Glamor-

gan) after helping Australia reach the Singer Cup final in Sri Lanka, but their strike bowler

## Redgrave backs Olympic push

Steven Redgrave, still debating whether to extend his own Olympic career, yesterday called npon the public to support a British bid for the Games.

Speaking at the launch of a four-year, fom investment in British sport by Barclaycard, the 38-year-old rower identified hosting the Olympics as the footer most likely to improve factor most likely to improve Britain's sporting standards.
"An Academy of Sport would be very good, but having the Olympics would push us forward more than anything," be said.

He agreed with the British

Olympic Association's policy of not bidding for the 2004 Games – "It would not give us enough time to set things up properly" – and backed the

Mike Rowbottom hears a British Olympic hero point the way forward

option of campaigning for the 2008 Games, if necessary as a prelude to a further bid for the Olympics of 2012.

"Our 10, 11 and 12-year-olds redwars the operation and the constraints of the constraints o

today are the ones who would be winning medals in 2012," he said.
"If they can be brought up in the atmosphere of a national campaign for the Games, and if there is a good support structure in place, there is no reason why we couldn't win a lot of medals." Redgrave is struggling over whether he should seek a fifth gold medal four years hence, at the age of 42. His reaction in the

think I left the sport too early. I'm very tempted to go to Sydney. In four years I feel I could still be good enough."

Should Redgrave seek one last hurrah, he will be adequately aftermath of his Olympic victory funded. Most Britons further

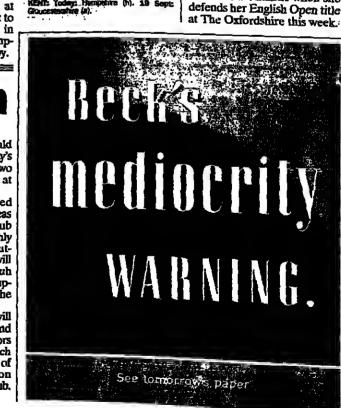
look back in 10 years time and

down the sporting scale could not say the same, but yesterday's deal, which has been nearly two years in the making, is aimed at

years in the making, is aimed at supporting the lower tiers.

The £6m will be divided roughly equally over three areas – equipping and training club volunteers, providing monthly cash awards of £10,000 to out-- may yet give way to a subse-quent request: "Hold your fire." A decision is likely to be reached in the next couple of months, he says, and a pending chat with his coach, Jürgen Grobler, will be a crucial factor. "I don't want to standing performers which will be given to a local sports club of the winner's choice, and a sup-port programme aimed at the 2000 Olympics.

The latter programme will provide annual grants of around £2,000-£3,000 for competitors just below the élite level, which is currently receiving the bulk of the Sports Aid Foundation grants as part of the Top 100 club.



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## Rude reminders of the reality of life in Europe

Before their Uefa Cup first round games, Britain's repre-sentatives went through the formalities of warning that "there are no easy matches any more". set of results which put into perspective talk of the Premiership being Europe's top league meant it was back to "it's only half-time in this tie" yesterday. In the case of Arsenal, beat-

en 3-2 by Borussia Mönchengladbach, that is likely to sound like so much straw-clutching come the second leg in Cologne on 24 September, Stewart Houston, linked with Leeds but still holding the fort for Arsene Wenger, rated Arsenal's performance their worst in Europe during his time there.

Tony Adams, who has not Roy Evans, the Liverpool man-played for the club since Janu-ager, has told his players that he ary because of injury, may make the return game, although Dennis Bergkamp could be absent with a hamstring strain. Welcome as Adams' leadership would be. the quality most conspicuous by its absence was the blend of invention and industry displayed by Stefan Effenberg.

The 28-year-old midfielder, for whom Wenger is reportedly

Phil Shaw reflects on a night of mixed fortunes for British clubs in the Uefa Cup

er happens, I'll stay at Mönchengladhach for the rest of the season," he said. "But everything is
open and I'll discuss the situation
with my wife [wito also his
area line Peace there"]

Helsingborgs earned a draw with
10 minutes remaining.
That away goal means a barren second leg would suffice the
Swedes, but their manager,
Peice Almosist proposed

with my wife [who is also his agent] in December." While the Aston Villa man-Reine Almqvist, promised no re-peat of Tuesday's negative factics. "We have a public to care about," ager, Brian Little, is not given to hravado, he had publicly anticihe said, "a duty to entertain when we play at home." It was either kidology or naīveie. Either way, greater imagination remains the key to penetration for Villa. pated that their fitness and pace would tell in the last 15 minutes against their part-time oppo-nents from Sweden. Instead,

#### **Evans urges Reds to go for goals**

ager, has told his players that he wants a return to the days when English sides thrashed their

foreign opposition out of sight.
Evans is setting a target of "as
many goals as possible" against
the Finnish part-timers, MyPa-47, in today's Cup Winners' Cup first round first leg tie in Anjalankoski. The club paid for failing to score home nr away against Brondby last season, so a ady to pay £3m, did not rule out Evans is aware in the problem going to Scandinavia.

a gung-ho approach unlikely to prosper against better opposition. Celtic, whose own multi-national strike force had amassed 22 goals in six games, ran into precisely that problem in the 2-0 defeat by Hamburg. "We're kid-ding ourselves if we think we'll get anywhere in Europe defending like that," their manager Tommy Burns said. "Hamburg are a half-decent Bundeslig

lems seeing off another Swedish outfit, Halmstads. Kevin Keegan

gambled on playing two de-fenders at times and used five for-wards, including the recalled and rampant Faustino Asprilla.

"Europe is a party from League football," he said after a 4-0 win,

team, but against a Scottish side

they looked very good."

said. "I suppose one goal would Bizarrely, Barry Town prob do it but we have to try and win ably have a better chance of advancing than Arsenal or Celtic. The League of Wales champthe game away from home, score as many goals as we can and make it comfortable for ourselves ions - next assignment: away to Holywell - face a 3-1 deficit when they come to Anfield." against Aberdeen. Yet they Evans expects to name a full-strength team. Defender heat the Hnngarian side, Mark Wright has recovered BVSC-Dreher, from an identifrom a knee injury and forwards cal position in the preliminary round. An early home goal, to Steve McManaman and Robbie coin another Euro-cliché, could Fowler are showing no ill-effects from their back problems.



Felix Mantilla of Spain serves during his defeat by Mariano Zabaleta at Bournemouth yesterday Photograph: David Ashdown Photograph: David Ashdown

### Henman may play in **Davis Cup**

Tim Henman, the British Nn I, will give his nagging groin injury a thnrough test at Wimbledon on Monday to see whether he will be fit to face Egypt in the Davis Cup next week.

The tie, which starts un 20 September, will be the last competitive match un the Nn 1 Court at Wimbledon before it is demolished.

Henman, who reached the last 16 of the United States Open, was forced to drop out of the Bournemouth International Open this week because of the injury at the top of his left leg, but he made a visit to the West Hants Club yesterday and said: "I would be very disappointed if I were to miss the tie.

would be very disappointed it I were to miss the he.

"I've been having treatment twice a day since I returned from the US Open—icing, ultra-sound and stretching. I will test it at Wimbledon on Monday, hit a few balls and see how it goes. At the moment I'm very hopeful. I think I will be playing but you are never 100 per cent sure."

"The mjury is just a case of wear and tear after a long season, and the rest should have done it some good. I don't know how much good because, for the last week, I have not been doing anything, just vis-

iting family and friends."

David Lloyd, the team captain, annunced yesterday that, if Henman is fit, the team would be Henman, Greg Rusedski, Mark Petchey and Neil Broad. The recall of Rusedski would then be the only change to the team who beat Ghana 5-0 in Accra in the last round. The Canadian-born left-hander was injured for that tie and was replaced by Luke Milligan.

The big surprise at Bournemouth yesterday came when the 18-year-old Argentinian Mariano Zabaleta beat the second seed, Felix Mantilla of Spain, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals.

The Centre Court match lasted for two hours and 13 minutes, and Zabalera, the world junior champion, showed nutstanding courage in heating an opponent ranked at No 16 in the world. Zabaleta won the opening set of a long baseline

duel, then broke the Spaniard in the first game of the second set. But then the wheels came nif and Mantilla won nine of the next 10 games to lead 3-0 in the third.

The young Argentinian, who has climbed from No 380 in the world rankings to No 125 in the last nine months, looked down and out but battled back to win five of the last six games.

Zabaleta had a bit of luck when Mantilla led 4-3 and reached break point on his rival's serve in the following game. Here Mantilla had a furehand drive called nut - which would have given the Spaniard a 5-3 lead - only for the umpire to overrule the call. Rusedski and Danny Sapsford, Britain's last two

survivors in the singles, are not due to play their second round matches until today.

#### Le Saux tells Blackburn to back Harford

players are determined to ease the pressure un their manager, Ray Harford.

Rovers' dismal start in the season - one point from a possible 15 - has made Harfnrd a strong contender to become the latest managerial casualty.

However, Harfnrd has stressed this week that he has no intention of quitting - and he can count un the support of his players as he tries to restore confidence in the wake of Alan Shearer's £15m departure to Newcastle. Le Saux said: "We re right behind Ray and it is up

ly position it currently occupies."

But despite the backing of his players, Harford's search for a replacement for Shearer has become increasingly urgent. Rovers have nnly managed three goals in five games and Harford, who has run checks nn Oliver Bierhoff - Germany's Euro 96 final "golden goal" hero - knows he needs to bring in a high-profile striker.

Italian magistrates vesterday nrdered video footage of Internazionale's Serie A match against Udinese to be seized after a lawyer took legal action the players to pull together, against an Inter player whose not objected.

Graeme Le Saux, the England We have the ability and the spir-full-back, insists the Blackburn it to pull the club out of the low-Magistrates said the seizure was a formality after the Udinese lawyer, Roberto Cianci, filed a formal complaint against defender Salvatore Fresi for a tackle on Udinese midfielder

"We have to score, and score

as many goals as we can," Evans

Gîqvanni 5troppa last Saturday. Stroppa, a former Italian in-ternational, has been ruled out for at least 40 days after the seventh-minute foul. Fresi escaped with a booking for the straightlegged tackle.

Cianci said on Tuesday that his legal action against Fresi was a private initiative but added that he had spoken to Udinese officials about it and they had

Ten Udinese fans, meanwhile, threatened their own legal action against Fresi, saying they had bought season tickets purely to watch 5troppa and now felt cheated.

make things interesting.

"I want to raise the problem as a matter of principle. We will try and resolve nnce and for all whether behaviour of a criminal nature on the pitch can be punished by the ordinary mag-istrates," Clanci was quoted as

Newspapers quoted the Inter president, Massimo Moratti, yesterday as saying the legal action was "in many ways absurd" and urging Cianci to tone down

#### Streak strikes for Zimbabwe

Sri Lanka 290-7 v Zimbabwe

Heath 5treak dismissed Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lankan captain, and Romesh Kaluwitharana in the space of three balls to give Zimbabwe the initiative on the first day of the first Test in Colombo.

After electing to hat on a grassless pitch, Sri Lanka were reduced to 4 for 2 before Ranatunga and Kaluwitharana shared a partnership of 142 for the sixth wicket. Streak then swung the game back towards

O'Sullivan Zinthabuchithai howook the second new ball and quickly accounted for both batsmen.

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### Fogarty lured by Ducati deal

'arl Fogarty, Britain's reigning double World Superbike champion, will return to the works Ducati team with whom he won oth his titles in 1993 and 1994, rites Andrew Martin.

flotorcycling

The 30-year-old rider from lackburn, who despite Sunay's twin victories at Assen, letherlands, has struggled nn ie Honda RC45 this season, ill leave the HRC team at the nd of the season to rejoin /irginio Ferrari's Ducati Corse organisation. Next year may e his last, and most lucrative,

season. The one-year contract is worth £750,000. "Next year could be my last

before I started each meeting."

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football

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7.30 unless stated
EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS* CUP
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Resensautem (Gen y Red Sar Belgade; Sion
(Sard) y Ryva Vyrnysya (Libri (7.0); Aerhus
(Den) y Olmpaq Lubiana (Slover) (6.30); Cerele Bruges (Sel) y Brann (Nor) (7.0); Lotomotor Moscow y Vartels Varstin (Cros)
(A.30); Reyspank (Ice) y Solna (Swe) (8.0);
Barcelona y AEK Lamaco (Cyp) (8.30); BerBarcelona y AEK Lamaco (Cyp) (8.30); AEK
Attenia y Chemion Humenne (Sloveki 17.15);
Gloria Bistin (Bora) y Fiorentha (6) (3.01); 30santo Barumi (Geor) y PSY Eindoven (Neth)

and I want a bike I can win the WSB title on. The Ducati suits me," Fogarty said. "I have found this year very difficult. It feels like I have been two practice sessions hehind everyone else

Fogarty, third in the champ-innship after 10 rounds, 22 points behind his Honda teammate. Aaron 5light, remains in contention for a third championship. "Nothing has changed as far as the 1996 title is goes. I still want to win for Honda," he said.

(5.0); Vaduz (Liech) v Pans St-Germain (Fr) (4.30) (at Eschen).

Speedway 7,30 unless stated PREMIER LEAGUE: Ipswich v Exeter; London v Regding, BRONTOUAL: Northern Riders' Championship 17.45) (ar Sheffeld).

GOLP: Wilkinson Sword Ladves English Open (at The Oxfordshire, Tharms) RALL'ISNG: Manx International Rally (Isle of

#### ties up Robidoux

Ronnie O'Sullivan admitted that he felt under greater pressure than normal after beating his Canadian rival Alain Robi doux 5-4 in the last 16 of the £230,000 Suntory Asian Classic in Thailand yesterday.

There has been no love lost between the pair since Robidoux accused O'Sullivan of being "disrespectful" for playing a sequence of one-handed shots during their meeting at the world championship in April.

After recording a 10-3 victory at 5heffield, O'5ullivan responded that he could beat Robidoux "one-handed" and immediately made himself a tar-

get for any subsequent rematch. "It was a funny game and I felt strange because of what hap-pened at Sheffield," said O'Sullivan, whn played every shot conventionally yet still came

within three pots nf defeat. O'Sullivan put together breaks of 86, 56 and 94 on the way to building a 4-2 lead but Rohidnux stole the seventh frame on the black before drawing level at 4-4.

The deciding frame came down to the colours before a relieved O'Sullivan potted blue and pink to fall over the line. "You've got to look at things

in a positive way. I played well below my best and still won so that's got to be regarded as a plus," said O'Sullivan, who now faces Peter Ebdon in the quarter-fmals. Ebdon, who had a 5-1 victory over the Welsh left-hander

TODAY'S 166

Mark Williams, needs to negotiate one more round to overtake John Higgins into second place in the provisional rankings.

Benson Masya, the BUPA Great North Run record-hoider and tirree times champion, will race in Sunday's half-walk-new and the second time of 60min 25co in 1994, had planned to give himself a rest from this year's race but he offered his services when South Africa's Olympic marathon champion. Josia Thuzwane, withdrew champion, Josia Thugwane, withdrew from the race.

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Terry Dunstan, the British cruiserweight champion, is to meet the current European champion, Akim Tafer of France, by 15 December after the Ukranian Alexander Gorov withdrew from the fight in order to pursue a world title chance.

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The number of votes won by Matthias Sammer, the 29year-old Borrussia Dortmund captain elected Germany's Footballer of the Year for the second year running. Jürgen Klinsmann was second with 154.

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Matthew Eliott, the new Bradford Bulls chief coach, has appointed Michael Potter, a former Australian team-mate, to his staff. Along with the former Bradford hooker, Brian Noble, they will form the

One-day match Yorkshire v Worcestershire shire won tos

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Salling

The veteran olympic bronze medalist Glen Foster, of the United States, won yesterdey's fourth race of the Dragon European Championship in Pwilhell, Males on the States and States of States

Wales, only to be disqualified following a protest by the sailor who came sec-ond, Netherland's Fred Imhoff. Snooker SUNTING ASIAN CLASSIC (Bengkok) Second rounds R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt A Robitioux (Carl) 5-4: P Endon (Eng) bt M Williams (Will) 5-1: T Da-go (Malta) bt N Bond (Eng) 5-1; S Davis (Eng) bt R Lawler (Eng) 5-3.

Tennis

Goran Ivanisevic yesterday pulled out of the Romanian Open with a shoulder injury a day after Boris Becker, the No 1 seed, left the tournament after NO 1 seed, left the workerheat aver suffering a recumence of the wrist in-july that ended his Wimbledon campaign in the summer. Monica Seles, Undsay Davenport, Mary

Joe Fernandez and Linda Wild were to-day selected by Bittle Jean King to rep-resent the United States against Spain, the defending champions, in the Fed Cup final in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on 28-29 September. The US Open champion Staffi Graf will play a tournament in Leipzig from 30 September to 6 October, despite her fa-

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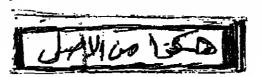
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## Venables Florida Marlins punish Mets in extra innings



#### Football

Queen's Park Rangers must continue their search for a new manager, after Terry Venables pledged his future to Portsmouth to end speculation that he could make a dramatic re-

turn to Loftus Road. Venables had been touted as a possible successor to Ray Wilkins, but admitted he is happy with his new post as di-rector of football at Fratton Park. The former England coach, who took QPR to an FA Cup final in 1982 and the Second Division title the following season, said: "You won't be see-ing me turn up at Loftus Road in the next couple of days. As far as 1 am concerned, it is business as normal - and business as usual for me is Portsmouth

"I am happy doing what I am doing with them. It's a nice club, a nice area and there are a lot of nice people.

Portsmouth's chairman, Martin Gregory, who asked Venables to take on an advisory role to assist the Portsmouth manager, Terry Fenwick, last month. is the son of the former QPR chairman Jim Gregory - who appointed Venahles as manager at Loftus Road in 1980.

Venables' decision leaves the QPR owner, Chris Wright, still searching for the right man to try and take the London club ack into the Premiership at the first time of asking. Wright said: "We bave seen

one or two people, but the current managerial merry-goround has changed the picture. Someone we thought might be available isn't and someone we thought wasn't available is. I'd like to have someone in place before the weekend, but I don't think we'll get there. We are working as swiftly as we possibly can, but we've got to make sure we get the right person." With Venables counting him-

self out of the running and Ray Harford continuing to fight for But you never know." his job at Blackburn, the QPR spotlight has fallen on Charlton's manager, Alan Curbishley. However, QPR's London First Division rivals warned that it will prove expensive if they try to re-Charlton's executive director

Jonathan Fuller said yester-

day: "We have had no approach from QPR and would not welome one. Alan has three years left on his contract with us and we also have him still registered as a player. So if he went, we would demand a considerable

fee as compensation." But Fuller admitted: "We wouldn't stand in his way if he made it clear he wanted to go, but that has not happened and,

hopefully, it won't Chariton's vice-chairman and managing director, Richard Murray, who has held the financial power at The Valley since Roger Alwen stepped down as chairman, said: "I have heard the speculation that Alan is on QPR's short-list, but if they approached us for him I would strenuously resist it." Murray refused to put a price on Cur-bishley's services but the figure could be as much as £1m and he confirmed: "If QPR want him and he wants to go it will cost a considerable amount."

Curbishley, the former West Ham and Birmingham midfielder, is not commenting on the possibility of a move to Loftus Road, After taking Charlton off the bottom of the table with a 2-0 win at home to Southend on Tuesday night, he said: "It is not a fair question to put to me, although I have been flattered to be linked in the newspapers with the vacancies at both QPR and Manchester City."

Meanwhile, coaches Frank Sibley and John Hollins, the former Chelsea manager, remained in caretaker-charge of Rangers for last night's game at Norwich.

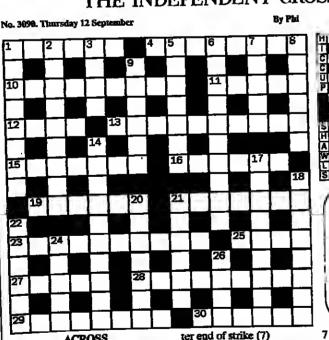
Slaven Bilic, the Croatian international, is thinking over his future with West Ham. The 28-year-old defender, a target for Tottenham, says he is considering West Ham's offer of a new contract. "It is too early to say what the conclusion will be," said Bilic. "But I think and hope I will stay here. I am completely happy at West Ham. I have a superb relationship with the players, the manager and the fans.

Bilic, who cost West Ham £1.3m when be joined them from the German side Karlsruhe last February, has become a huge favourite at Upton Park. He helped West Ham finish in the top 10 in the Premiership last season then starred in Euro



Down and out: Tim Bogar's stide into second base is in vain, with Kurt Abbott of the Florida Martins catching him short before sending the ball on its way in an attempt to complete a double play against the New York Mets at Shea Stadium, New York. Florida won the National League game, which went to an extra innings, 9-3. Photograph: AP

#### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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28 Pottery provides fresh article in larder (9)

29 Cutters from US state (one's gold on board) (8)
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sity in dismal surroundings

If the Portuguese coach accepted, that could clear the way for Arsene Wenger to pack

As Wenger's arrival is awaited, a winger who left Highbury could be making another move. Bulton want to take the Swede

### Lee angered by talk of **lost City investments** handling everything in the cor-

Manchester City's chairman, Francis Lee, has rejected claims that the club missed out on a possible £70m infusion of Arab oil money because he would not release enough information on the state of the club's finances.

City, struggling to recover from relegation to the First Division, have been constantly linked with takeover speculation. Reports suggested that two oil-rich princes were said to be ready to pump up to £70m into the club but that their financial advisors broke off discussions, accusing Lee of failing to produce the necessary information.

Lee insists he is not at fault. "It's important when you negotiate with someone on these matters that you know who is ultimately going to take the in-terest in the club and I have never been assured of that," he

"When I find out a name, or I am given one, I will release in-formation. We think we are

rect way and we do it through our lawyers."

Lee said that over the past 18 months or so he had talks with half a dozen people who wanted to invest in the club. Having signed letters of confidentiality, none of them had come back with firm offers. Neither had they said what type of money they were talking of investing in

the club.
Unfortunately, one of these people who has signed a confi-dentiality letter keeps spouting off and he's completely out of order. If anyone has anything which is beneficial to Manchester City I will listen," Lee

"It is normal procedure to exchange letters of confidential-ity when you speak to people but in this case, and one other case, people have broken that

"It's really disappointing but if anyone wants to invest in the club I will certainly be willing to

proper manner. "One thing that does rile me is when I read that we are £20m in debt and nearly bankrupt. That is a load of rubbish. Dave Bassett, the manager of

Crystal Palace, said yesterday he had not been approached by City about the vacant manager's joh. City, still searching for a replacement for Alan Ball, are reported to have turned their attention to Bassett after Sheffield United refused permission for them to approach Howard Kendall.

Bassett, Kendall's predecessor at Bramall Lane, said: "No one from Manchester City has spoken to me about the joh there. All I've heard is the hype. People are saying I'm on their short list but I'm not interested in that because it's all

"It's a case of crossing bridges as they arise. If Manchester City speak to me, I've got something

## Wenger's successor lined up

Messages crossing the Pacific could deliver comfort to Arsenal. Carlos Queiroz, the coach of the US Major League club New York/New Jersey Metro-Stars, said yesterday he had been the manager's job by the Japanese club Grampus Eight.

his bags and fly from Nagoya to London to take on the task of managing Arsenal.

Anders Limpar on loan from sign Steve Corica and Kalac for Everton with a view to signing him to aid their campaign to re-

turn to the Premiership. Manchester City, similarly striving to go straight back up, have signed the former Nottingham Forest centre-back Darren Wassall on a month's loan from Derby

Leicester City have won a claim for damages against another of the promotion contenders. Wolves, over their withdrawal from the transfer of goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac. A Football League commission found that Wolves had agreed to

a combined fee of £1.75m, subject to obtaining work permits, but then only took Corica. The commission ordered Wolves to pay Leicester £250,000 in dam-

ages for breach of contract. A similar contract wrangle in Scotland has resulted in Raith Rovers making Iain Munro their new manager in succession to Tommy McLean, after St Mirren claimed he had joined them as manager on Tuesday even though no contract had been signed. McLean left Raith to ioin Dundee United after only a week in charge.

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